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Launching into the Future

Technology and change put the school and its students through a time period where “Shift” happened

Shift was defined as a verb to put (something) aside and replace it by another or others; change or exchange. For example, to shift friends or to shift ideas.

The way that students learned took a great shift in focus. The classroom was once laden with books, random assortments of paper and pencils. The times were slowly changing to where the classroom was more focused on integrating the use of the internet and technology.

“(The use of Brainhoney and technology) is hard to figure out all at once,” sophomore *Cynthia Kabella* said. “It would be better to incorporate the use of technology more slowly.”

Students had to adapt their learning styles accordingly and the school was changing to fit the technological time period that the generation was

experiencing.

The *Excalibur* staff also decided to change their means of operation.

“I think students will be excited to see the new book,” senior *Alexis Hesser* said. “Our book has always been very traditional and old school and now the way our book looks and operates will be more ‘up with the times,’ so to speak.”

While some students of the past would be confused with the shift to a chronological book from a traditional one, the staff hoped that it would ultimately be a successful shift.

Now the yearbook would go along with the year and cover how it happened.

Shift happens. Our generation, “Generation Y”, had slowly morphed into the ‘shifted generation’ and the experimentation with technology then would shape the years to come.

“I am not that concerned that innovation in some large scale or sense will suddenly and abruptly shift from one part of the world to another.”
—Craig Mundie

STORY BY EXCALIBUR STAFF



What does "Shift" mean to you?



L.TITAK

Excalibur staff members asked students what the idea of "Shift" meant to them. The results varied from technology to relationships and revealed the diversity that the school held.

"People moving around and changing the environment, I don't feel comfortable with the switch between Ban and Pettit yet," freshman **Kaytlin VanWoerden** said.

"A transition in life, it's when you shift from one place to another or from one thing to another. Or it is a translation in geometry," junior **Patrick Stratton** said.

"To allow a change," junior **Jazzmyne Lopez** said.

"A button on a computer that makes letters capitalized or numbers into symbols," senior **Josh Allen** said.

"To move from one thing to another: to move around,"

junior **McKenna Salchow** said.

"At work, it is like the hours that you work," junior **Spase Dorseleski** said.



"Moving from one place to another,"

junior **Brendyn McKinnon** said.

"To evolve into a new person over the years and to become a more mature and independent person," senior **Zoie Matthews** said.



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"Shifting into a new phase of technology and instruction in our school," sophomore **Janelle Brumfield** said.

"Gears changing," junior **Brandon Stiglich** said.

"The act of changing one thing to another,"

freshman **Adam Golding** said.

"To move into the next part of your life," senior **Payton Darnstaedt** said.

"President Obama. He always wanted change for America. Shift basically means change,"

freshman **Josh Kelly** said.

"To randomly change form. Metamorphosis. For example, a person changing into a water bucket," junior **Erik Prokop** said.



B.JASEK

"When I think of shift, I think of a change (or a leap) into something new or a new idea. It reminds me of school preparing us with material that we will be able to use when we shift into college," sophomore **Alyson Kinzie** said.



"To make a change. Seeing things from a new perspective," senior **Isabel Dutton** said.

"To move an object from one place to another," junior **Jake Vatis** said.

"A chance for a new beginning," junior **Kayla Lewis** said.

"Shift is like becoming a different person," freshman **Ryan Ayers** said.

"Change. I like change although it doesn't seem like much of a change," senior **John Thompson** said.

"Changing gears and starting something new," freshman **Kayla Giraud** said.

"Shifting to new beginnings," freshman **Joseph Lovaski** said.

"Shift means to start somewhere but then move to somewhere else (normally for the better)," senior **Jamie Roche** said.

"The word shift means, to move something in a vertical or horizontal direction," senior **Brittany Ash** said.

"Technology and all the new blended programs," freshman **Robert Victor** said.



"Shift is growing up and becoming mature and ready for life," freshman **Tiffany Dewes** said.

"Shift means to me, when you're transitioning into a different lifestyle," sophomore **Katie Mellady** said.

"Shifting is when you're adjusting into a new year," sophomore **Hailee Kish** said.

"Shift is being prepared for your future life," freshman **Samantha Ferrantella** said.

"To move forward and keep going," sophomore **Madie Vangundy** said.



"From being a slacker to being a hard worker," sophomore **Natalie Lolkema** said.

"To me, shift means power. The power to save or waste gas or the power to waste it. Drop a gear and let it rip, or shift up and chug along peacefully. I tend to lean on the pedal more than most though," senior **Kevin Jakubin** said.

"The school and its way of changing to technology," freshman **Austin Tucker** said.

"What shift means to me is all the schedule changes the school is making for next year," sophomore **Karson Rice** said.

"Shifting onto a new part of life," senior **Ryan Flannery** said.

"To change," freshman **Zach Claus** said.

"It could shift into good and bad like working harder on our education. The bad: grasping the whole entire concept," sophomore **Daniel Sanchez** said.

"When I hear the word 'shift' it makes me think of a keyboard and technology changing," sophomore **Courtney Maluchnik** said.

"Slight change in position," freshman **Keaton Keiser** said.



"Shift means to move. When you're in a bad position all you want to do is just move forward," freshman **Renee Risner** said.

"Shift is a positive change in the way you do something," sophomore **Evi Lovin** said.



"Shift means: moving from point A to point B," sophomore **James Haag** said.

"Shift" our teachers say...

From inside jokes to just being caught saying something silly, students keep their ears open to catch their teachers in the act

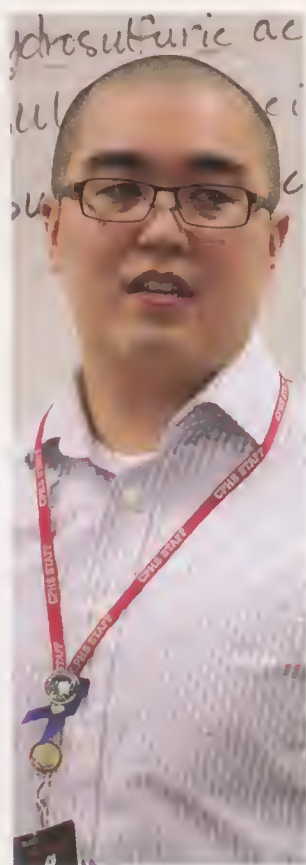


"In every circumstance there is room for a sense of humor,"

English teacher
Riley Brewer said.

"What's wrong? Just because I'm Asian that means I can't be Santa?"

Science teacher
Andrew Shih said.

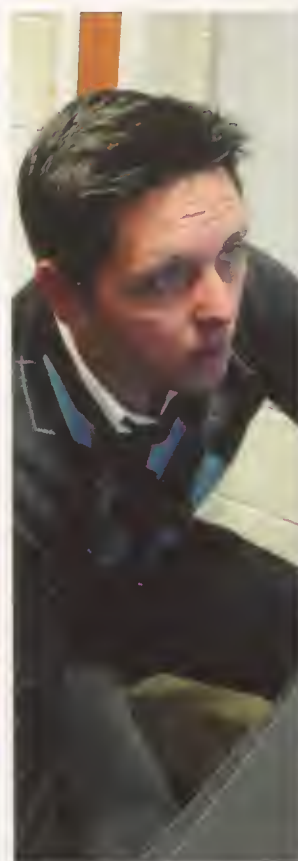


"I'm a social studies teacher. I'm always prepared with crayons and markers,"

History teacher
Josh Graegin said.

"To Shameville with you!"

Science teacher
Kelly Loving said.



"Your life would be a lot better, if you just listened to me,"

English teacher
Chris Gloff said.

"Now it will become a radical. That's radical,"

Math teacher
Ryan Collier said.



"Who wants to get pregnant today?"

FACS teacher
Ginny Zega said.



"I went to Lowell once; it was pretty exotic,"

English teacher
Jacob Adams said.



"Look jags, fat dude up front,"

Science teacher
Brian Elston said.

"Commas are weak like Mr. L's momma,"

English teacher
John Lambersie said.



Rushing into 2013

Summer is a time of relaxation and a change of pace for students, while it does not last forever, the subtle changes make a difference in their lives

A shift in hues. A change in the weather. The fragrance of the breeze makes an about-face, a 180-degree turn while the pollen fades away and the shade of green emerges.

"It is more enjoyable because there are more things to do like go to the beach, watch fireworks, or have a barbecue," junior *Steven Smead* said.

Transferring their brains from school to sun. The beaches beckoned their names and the sun sizzled their skin.

Summer is a time most students looked forward to. It was a change from a consistent schedule to one that was more liberal.

"I love going outside during the summer to play soccer," freshman *Sam Hodges* said.

Long days in school changed into

long nights; however, a lack in sleep was one element of everyday life that did not make a transition.

What did this "Shift" mean to students? What did summer time entail?

"Not having to wake up early every day and spending time with my friends is the reason I like summer," senior *Kayla Rutherford* said.

This relaxing vacation always has to come to an end and the transition into a new school year must begin.

"Coming back to school for the first week is really the only thing that I enjoy," *Hodges* said. "Being a freshman was stressful because you didn't know where to go."

Summer had been a fun time for most, but we all knew "Shift" happens.

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING

"Thoughts will change and shift just like the wind and the water when you're on the boat; thoughts are no different than anything else."
-Jeff Bridges



The (Not So Secret) Life of a Teacher

Like the students, teachers are spending their summer relaxing before the upcoming year



Doug Norris said, "I taught online health all summer and watched three swimmers that I used to coach participate in the Olympic trials."



Nicole Shelpmann said, "I taught at a dance camp in Maine and explored that area whenever I could." Shelpmann is the choreographer for the theatre department.



Kelly Loving said, "I played a lot of Assassin's Creed. I also spent my time making and selling over six thousand cupcakes at the European Market."

⇒ 1. Mike Young (12) and the team line up for a play during their summer game against Lowell. "My favorite thing about summer football was going back to each other's houses after practice to go swimming and eat," Young said.

⇒ 2. Johnny Lynk (12) organizes his booth at Bulldog Rush and encourages students to join PACE club. "We basically try to bring politics into the high school and discuss them with other students," said Lynk.



Sacrificing the Summer

The football team and Royal Regiment gave up their summer and endured the scorching August sun on the field for the sake of their passion

Relaxing on the beach, diving into a pool, and late nights with friends were all common activities to do on a summer day. However, while some students were soaking in the sun's rays, others were already preparing for the upcoming school year. Whether it was training to dominate Lowell in football or getting ready to create a show-stopping Royal Regiment routine, these dedicated students gave up their time and summer freedom for the love of their hobbies and sports.

From students prepping their steps for the pep rally or creating a plan of strategy on the field, plenty of determination and focus was necessary for staying on task.

"I had to stay concentrated throughout the summer to make the right decisions and when two-a-days came for football, those decisions became tougher," junior Brendyn McKinnon said. Bulldogs hoped that perfecting plays and preparing their bodies to take on the

strongest opponents would be beneficial to the upcoming season.

After spending a majority of August at the high school with their instruments, the Royal Regiment also became musical powerhouses as a team.

"What we learned during the summer helps create an environment that pumps up the crowd for the game," junior Casey Melcher said. "We treated each of the practices with the same mentality and that was wanting to get on the field and do our best to entertain the crowd to the best of our abilities," said Melcher. Creating routines and practicing techniques to pump up the crowd was just the tip of the iceberg that the Royal Regiment hit during their summer break.

Offering their summers for two-a-day practices and countless run-throughs of routines created the hope of a successful school year. These athletes and musicians proved that dedication and hard work was 100 percent worth it.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

⇒ 3. Taylor Cassidy (12) stands on the football field at half time during a summer game. "During the summer we had Wacky Water Wednesday, where people brought in water guns and balloons during breaks," Cassidy said. This year was Cassidy's last summer with her band mates before going into her senior year.

⇒ 4. Carmelo Morales (11) races down the field to try and score a goal. "Playing soccer over the summer was a great way to dedicate myself to the sport," Morales said. "With all the hard work, we hoped to go farther than we did."

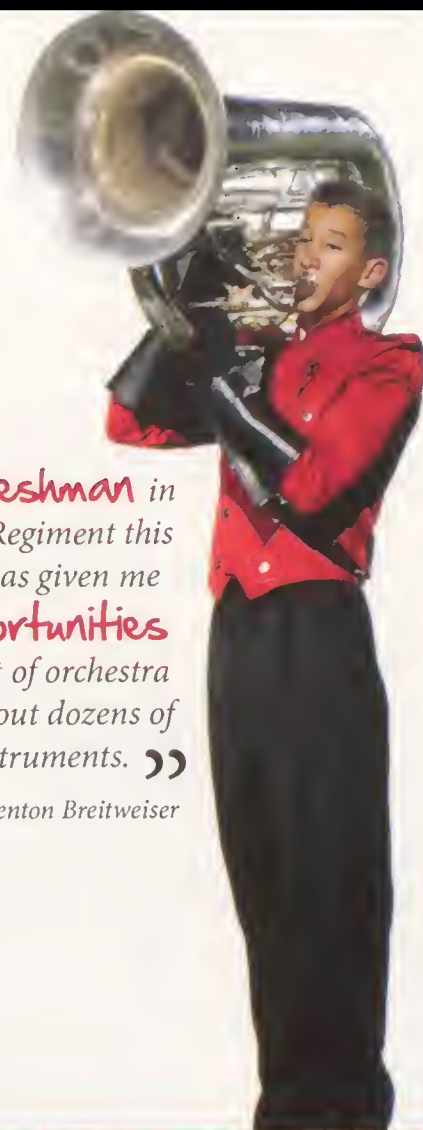


"Photography isn't a job, it's a hobby. When it's a hobby, you do it year round. This includes taking time out of my summer to cover sports events. It's dedication really,"
-junior Rachel Reitan

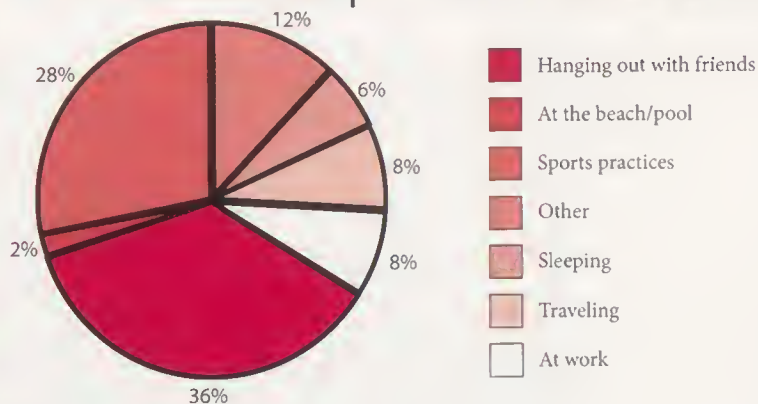


“Being a **freshman** in the Royal Regiment this summer has given me more **opportunities** to be apart of orchestra and to try out dozens of new instruments.”

- freshman Trenton Breitweiser



How Did You Spend Your Summer?



A Last First Day

Entering your first day of school as a freshman, sophomore, or junior may seem like the beginning of a long year. But for seniors, it's their last hoorah.

Mixed feelings were expressed as students walked through the hallways of the high school on August 26th. While freshmen felt as if they were walking through a foreign country,



seniors saw their last first day float by in a matter of hours.

“It feels great because you’ve accomplished a lot by making it into your last year and it shows you how far you have come,” senior *Anthony Zervos* said. “But it’s also that step forward into the future that shows you have a lot more to do.”

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

Falling Apocalypse

Heavy sweaters, hot chocolate, colors changing, pumpkin picking, hay rides, horror stories, birds leaving, and boots appearing are all tell-tale signs of Autumn arriving

Fall was the time of endings and new beginnings. Waking up for school became routine and the 'freshman jitters' began to fade. The fall sports' seasons, in the hot sun, wrapped up while other sports such as swimming and basketball made their entrance. It was also time to put away the flip flops and pull out the scarves. Change was evident even down to the colors of the leaves and their presence on the trees. New friends became close and the countdown to Halloween and Thanksgiving began.

The Autumn months of Oct. and Nov. brought fresh and memorable experiences. The San Francisco Giants won the World Series and Barack Obama was elected for a second term as president. Hurricane Sandy rocked the

East Coast days after Felix Baumgartner fell from space in Oct.

Crown Point High School did not take Halloween lightly. Best Buddies, Key Club, LEAD Club, and many other organizations in the school held parties celebrating the ghoulish holiday. Zombiethon terrified the region just enough to get them pumped and prepared for the 31 of Oct., inspired by the growing rumors of the apocalypse or 'end of the world' set to take place on Dec. 21.

From the school and beyond that, Oct. and Nov. made a lasting impact in everything from warm mittens to frightening monster costumes. Autumn was something that could not be missed.

STORY BY FRENCH TOAST MAFIA

"If you try hard enough, you can bend the spoon; you can shift reality."
-Christopher Meloni



⇒ 1. *Claire Olah* (9) concentrates while cutting out stars to place on the Art Club float. "Decorating for the float was pressured because we had to make sure everything got done in time but I had a lot of fun being with friends and helping out," Olah said.

⇒ 2. As a prize for winning the obstacle course, *Lauren Murphy* (12) pies *Nick Issacs* (10). "The pie tasted delicious but it took at least five minutes to clean myself off," Issacs said. Like past years the seniors did whatever it took to win the race to make sure they were not the ones being pied.



B. JASEK

⇒ 3. *Collin Rasier* (10) helps put together the German club float. "Since there are a lot more freshmen this year, I'm hoping our float will be better than last year's," Rasier said. Rasier was more than happy with the turnout of the parade and homecoming dance.

⇒ 4. Chanting the fight song, the Crown Point football team gathers in a circle. "I was honored that I was picked by my peers to be a captain and represent our school at my last homecoming game," *Anthony Geisen* (12) said. Students and faculty members cheered on the players during the pep rally to get pumped up before the game.



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Spirit Wear Day-by-Day

Underclassmen | Seniors

MONDAY

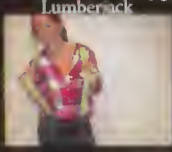


Hawaiian Shirt



Flashback

TUESDAY



Lumberjack



MURICA

WEDNESDAY



Ugly Sweater



Nerd vs. Gangster

THURSDAY



80's Work Out



Matching Day

FRIDAY



CO



BULLDOGS

Left to right, top to bottom: *Dori Sotirovska* (11), *Kyleen Likas* (11), *Emma Mohammed* (12), *Maria Shelley* (10), *Mariah Torres* (12), *Caryssa Cole* (10), *Cheyenne Kessler* (11), *Rachel Pudlo* (12), *Alli Jostes* (12), *Ashley Jones* (12), *Ben Wellman* (11), *Abigail Bieker* (11), *Jovy Garcia* (12)

WE GOT SPIRIT
YES WE DO!
WE GOT SPIRIT
HOW 'BOUT YOU?

Underclassmen show off their Bulldog pride during homecoming week by dressing up according to their pre-planned spirit days



Kyleen Likas (11) and Dori Sotirovska (11)

Spirit week gave students the chance to express themselves and have fun with fashion at the same time.

Monday started out with a bang when students participated in 'Hawaiian Shirt Day.'

Junior *Meagan Fajman* participated and had fun doing so. "Spirit week is exciting because everyone dresses up and it's a great way to get excited for homecoming," Fajman said.

Hawaiian Shirt Day relieved stress from students and created some fun when deciding what to wear throughout the school week.

"Hawaiian Shirt Day was fun since it allowed students to show their school spirit," sophomore *Alexandra Fleming* said.

Shearing Through

Preparation

Clubs feel the pressure to get all of the floats and decorations ready in time for the early date of Homecoming.

Though planning time was cut short, spirit and productivity were still kept high. Since the football season had an earlier start than years past, homecoming came quicker than many expected, causing a rush in preparation.

Clubs stayed after-hours constructing their floats. Student Council even stayed up all night decorating the field house for the big event.

"People don't realize how much work really goes into planning a dance. The earlier deadline cut back on a lot of time that we could've spent planning, choosing themes, and ordering decorations," Student Council vice president and senior *Alexandra Jostes* said. "It's actually a lot of work but in the end it's all worth it."

Due to the time crunch, the sophomores were unable to choose the homecoming theme, 'A Starry Night'. Sponsor, *Lindsay Cox*, helped pick the theme over the summer before school began. "I knew we weren't going to have enough time to build everything, so I had to choose a really basic theme," Cox said. "The sophomores were surprisingly okay with

theme. I just had to explain to them that there really was no other choice because of the lack of planning time."

Pressure was put on the sophomores as their creativity and decorating skills were put to the test. "It was stressful, but the leaders of Student Council did a great job helping out," sophomore *Jackie VanDerWey* said.

Sophomore class secretary *Alexandra Fleming* spent long hours after school in attempt to complete the decorations. "Mostly we all worked together but there were nights where I stayed after to work on decorations until 5:30 or 6:30," Fleming said.

During the homecoming game, teams of Student Council members took shifts decorating and some even stayed until after midnight to complete the task at hand.

"It took a lot of work to decorate the field house being that it was a very intricate theme, but by the night everything came together looking like a masterpiece," sophomore *Amy Schuch* said.

STORY BY EVI LOVIN



D. CASILLAS



R. REITAN

Senior Spirit Goes UNDERGROUND

Every year, the senior class created an 'underground' spirit week to separate themselves from the underclassmen.

The spirit days were created by the senior class who kept it secret until the day that it happened.

"I liked our senior spirit week better because it is normally the same thing every year," senior *Kevin Edgington* said. "We decided to do things a lot differently than past years."

The seniors communicated their ideas through a private Facebook



Kevin Edgington (12)

S. REINERS

group.

On 'MURICA' day, Edgington displayed his patriotism.

"I got my morph suit for Halloween the year before because it was different than other morph suits I had seen," he said. "America day was my favorite because I went all out and most other seniors did too."

"MURICA" day was in honor of the day falling on Sept. 11."

STORY BY ASHLEY DOMING

A Night Under the Stars

"The sun goes down. The stars come out. And all that counts is here and now. My universe will never be the same I'm glad you came, I'm glad you came." -The Wanted

As a warm night crept in and the moon rose, it truly became "A Starry Night" as students prepared for the last formal homecoming the school would ever have.

"It was bittersweet knowing that it was going to be the last formal dance but most people who went really enjoyed themselves and made it a night to remember," junior *Sophie Reiners* said.

As always some boys made a few lucky girls' dreams come true by asking them in a cute and thoughtful way.

"My boyfriend asked me with a giant Kit Kat bar, a bear and a dozen roses," freshman *Megan Krzeminski* said. "It was a nice surprise to see."

These boys were so proud of their efforts and said that the extra work was worth it.

"I asked my girlfriend junior *Stephanie Boyd* by putting a stuffed teddy bear and a box of her favorite chocolates with a sign on her dresser that said 'HOMECOMING,'" sophomore *Kevin Karamacoski* said.

Others though, had to take a much more simplistic approach to asking due to distance.

"Since my boyfriend lives three hours away it was difficult to ask him in a cute way so I just asked him over Skype," senior *Amanda Gilbert* said.

Throughout the night students enjoyed music, refreshments and the many unique decorations to make the night very memorable.

"I really enjoyed the music selection, with all the modern and throwback songs. It was an amazing night with my date, junior *Julia Abbott*," junior *Collin Smith* said.

As the night came to an end, students were given a picture frame and a candy bar to remember the night. For some, it will be a night they will never be able to forget.

"Being my first high school dance, I really enjoyed myself," freshman *Victoria Stepanovic* said. "I couldn't wipe the smile off my face."

STORY BY TRISHA KASZAK & SPENCER MCCUAN



Will you go to Homecoming with me?

Senior *Ben DeGoey* asked his girlfriend, senior *Mikayla Marcinkowski*, to homecoming with the help of his friends and their cars. "I was pulling into the parking lot just staring at the cars in shock trying not to crash because I was so surprised," *Marcinkowski* said.





⇒ 1. Swaying to the music, *Emma Ogden* (12) pauses to smile for the camera. "It was so much fun with my friends especially with it being my senior year," she said.

⇒ 4. *Patricia O'Brien* (10) dances to the music with her date and friends. "This homecoming was probably the best dance I have been to so far," O'Brien said. "I had a really good time."



⇒ 2. *Quentin Klingberg* (12) enjoys "A Starry Night" with his girlfriend, *Kayla Wirtz* (12). "Homecoming is always a fun time hanging out with friends, dancing and just having a good time," Klingberg said.

⇒ 3. *Kayla Kaszak* (10) dances the night away with her date *Austin Norvil* (10). "I love homecoming and everything that goes into it. From the anticipation on when and how you're getting asked, to picking out the perfect dress and feeling like a princess on the dance floor," Kaszak (10) said.

L. TITAK 3.

And the Winner is...

Freshmen

Jenna McCarroll & Trevor Miller



Sophomores

Kelly Kisilowski & Nick Issacs



Juniors

Doretea Sotirovska & Nick Hanlon



Senior Candidates

Mackenzie Westgate, Andie Miller, Lauren Murphy, Alli Jostes, & Maggie Perkins



And the crowns go to:

Sean Jones

Lauren Murphy



MURPHY FOR HC QUEEN

Senior Lauren Murphy reflects on what it was like being apart of court and winning the crown

"It was an honor that I got nominated Homecoming Queen. It was an unforgettable experience and one of the best nights of my life. Riding in the parade, standing on the field in my dress, taking pictures and spending time with friends and family was so fun. It was the perfect way to start my senior year. Thank you to everyone who nominated me, I greatly appreciate it!"



A WholeNewWorld

German exchange students get a taste of the new world when they meet with the new German class

Imagine flying to a new destination, halfway across the world to a completely new country, leaving your family and friends behind, living with complete strangers, and not knowing what to expect upon arrival. The German exchange students experienced this when they first arrived in America.

"I was nervous when I first came here because I didn't know what would happen," German exchange student from Baden Württemberg, *Sylvia Schmid* said.

After hearing countless rumors and stereotypes about Americans, the German exchange students did not know what to expect once they arrived here.

"I thought that people here were violent because that's how they look in the movies but most people here are actually very sweet and nice," Schmid said.

They not only heard false rumors, but German exchange student *Leoni Osthus* from Western Essen, also found some to be true.

"I always heard back home that Americans love fast food, which turned out to be

completely true," Osthus said.

Once the exchange students arrived, they stayed in the German classrooms for the first few days.

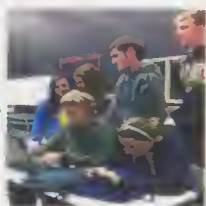
"While they were here, they taught us their national anthem and we taught them ours. We learned a couple German songs. We also played games and got to know one another," sophomore *Justin Waran* said. Also while here, the German exchange students went on numerous trips to Shipshewana, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

Some missed things in Germany that we rarely use in America. "What I miss most is that we have public transportation. Here you need a car to get around," Osthus said.

Although the German students may be excited to go back home, traveling to America was an exciting journey for the students as well. This once in a lifetime experience was something they will never forget. "People are friendlier and open here and I like that," Schmid said.

STORY BY SAM RUDER

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Guys

10 Different
Denominations

30 Total
Members

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of Girls

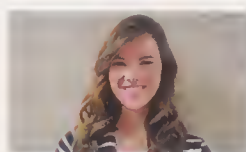
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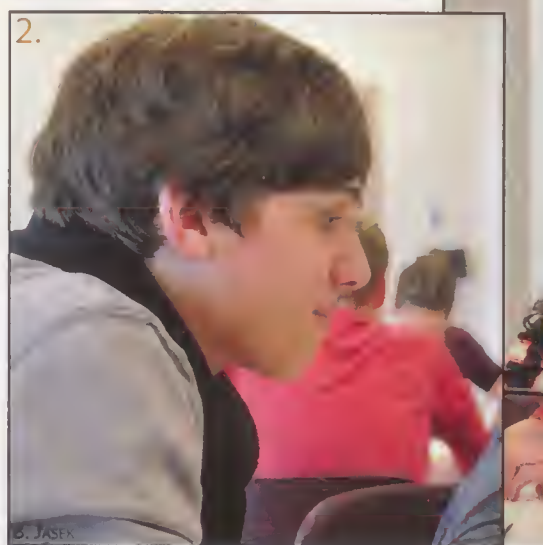
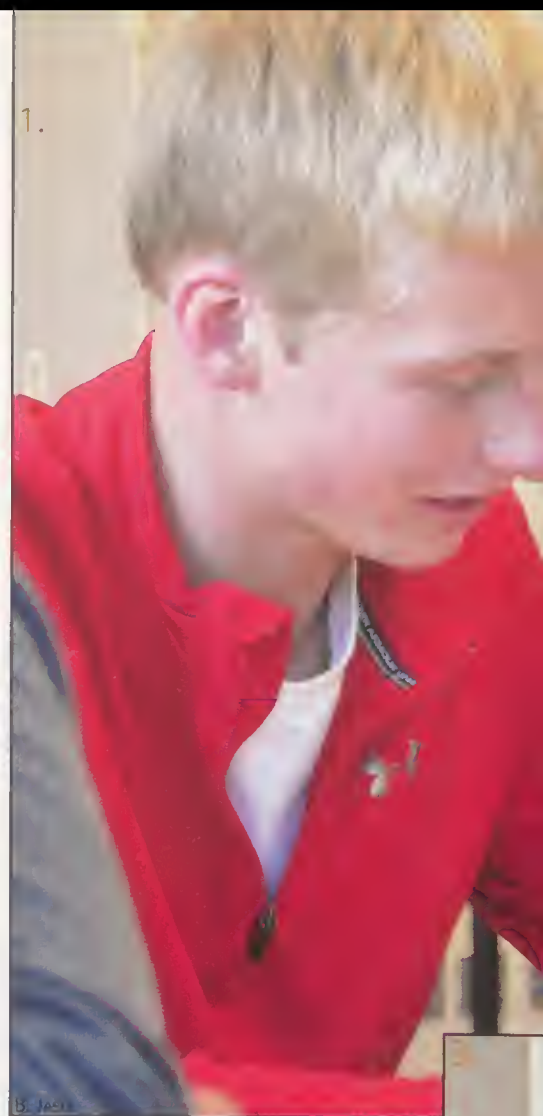
Topic: *Block Scheduling*



Noe Madrigal (10) said, "Yes, (I like block scheduling) because it gives you more time to get homework done. It also doesn't jam your whole schedule into one day."



Haley Johns (10) said, "No, I would hate sitting in one class for so long. You could forget everything you learned since you don't go back to it everyday."



Girls' Soccer Kicks it with Spirit

Senior night for the girls' soccer team allowed the players to show off a creative fashion style for a day in support of the game that night. This was a tradition that the underclassmen do every year to help motivate their teammates. "It lets us be creative while we support the seniors," junior *Kara Ford* said.

"Winning our senior night game was bittersweet. All of the



seniors scored during the game but it was our last regular season game on that field," senior *Ashley Matthews* said.

Keeping these customs aided the team in advancing to semi-state later on in the season. "I'm going to miss my teammates that were always there for me and our exciting soccer sleep overs," senior *Rachel Marczewski* said.

STORY BY SAM WRIGHT



⇒ 1. Bryce Schwuchow (11) works with foreign exchange student, Janina Klein on a German assignment. "It's cool to talk with a person with a different cultural background to see how they live," Schwuchow said. The exchange students came to America for two weeks to learn about the American culture.

⇒ 2. Renee Riemer, a foreign exchange student, helps students with a project for class. The foreign exchange students were a great help for other American students as they taught them about the language and the culture.



⇒ 3. Jan Lefkes, a foreign exchange student from Germany, works with others on an in-class project. The German exchange students came in on Sep. 25 and were here for two weeks. In addition, the students also learned an assortment of American games and songs.

⇒ 4. Ellie Burrell (11) works with a foreign exchange student during seventh period German. "I thought it was pretty cool that they were able to come and personally experience the American teenage culture instead of reading about it in books or magazines," Burrell said.



"It's always fun to see what the students bring with the first project they do . . . to see how their projects change throughout the couple of weeks is really exciting. It's also interesting to see the look on their faces when they shoot; it's either a failure or a success."

-Physics Teacher
Jerome Flewelling

Acting Out

Students in AP English read a novel by a famous romantic author but add a small twist



Jane Austen is an author that has written several novels that mostly involve romance between the late 1700s and throughout the 1800s.

Students in Jacob Adams' AP English class read the novel *Emma*.

"Mr. Adams asked two volunteers to read a part of the book," senior Ahmed Shaaban said, "We basically had to act out a scene from the book."

"It was about a rich woman messing up people's lives," Shaaban said. "I thought it was an awful book." Following the reading of the novel, the students had to write an essay about it.

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS

MARCHING ON

Despite the many differences of the variety of high school students, the Royal Regiment comes together to blend as one fun, care-free group

High school is what you make of it. Students were able to find their own place among fellow peers, make new friends and face difficult challenges along the way.

For students in the Royal Regiment, this was a brand new approach on the average high school experience

"My favorite part about it is being with all of the people every day," senior *Taylor Cassidy* said.

The Royal Regiment had many different competitions and performances throughout their season. In order to achieve the medals that they did, they had to work and perform as a team.

"It was like a giant family and we always got along. It wasn't always like that, we grew closer throughout the year," senior *Eugene Brzenski* said.

While older students graduated young students stepped up to take their place, and the Royal Regiment still found a way to work together.

"The Royal Regiment was a good opening to my freshman year; it was like a second home to me," said junior *Jacob Gulka*.

Even with all the changes that may have taken place, they were still able to work as a team.

STORY BY SHELBY MCCUAN



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Moving on to Bigger & Better Things

Sophomore *Roman Ruiz* had a dream of becoming a rockstar. He had that chance thanks to Crown City Records, a records and management company led by students. "Having an opportunity to work professionally is so bizarre," Ruiz said. "It was always me and my guitar in my bedroom, so it's a really fresh change of pace." Ruiz worked with *Becca Olesek* in Anything Auburn, their band, and hope to get signed and make a career of it.

How TO Register to VOTE

- Step 1:** Print the online application or pick it up at a County Registration Office, Post Office, or DMV.
- Step 2:** Provide a copy of a valid Indiana driver's license or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Step 3:** Mail the completed, signed form in an envelope using a first class stamp to your local County Registration Office.



B. JASEK

THE STAGES OF SAVING A LIFE

Students in the Introduction to Education class learn to perform CPR

"It is important to always check the pulse first in CPR, that can be the difference between saving someone's life,"

senior *Ashley Jones* said.



Step 1: Check for a pulse and make sure they are not choking.



Step 2: Lift the victims chin and give breaths.



Step 3: Start compressions.



⇒ 1. *Emily Krowiarz* (10) plays the trumpet during the homecoming pep rally. "I wanted to join Royal Regiment when I saw them perform in games," she said. Krowiarz had been playing the trumpet for two years.

⇒ 2. *Michael Keller* (11) stands in line at the homecoming pep rally. "I love drumming because it is the backbone of the song," Keller said. Keller was a part of the Royal Regiment's drum line for two years.

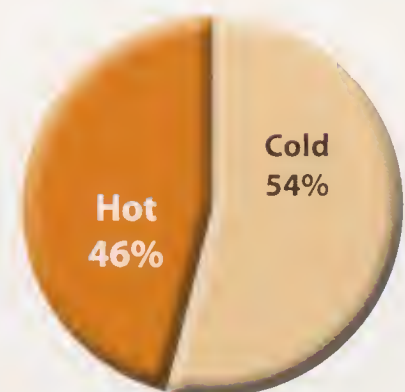


⇒ 3. *Adam Mihal* (11) dances to the beat of *Party Rock Anthem* while drumming during the homecoming game. "I got started all because of my brothers. It's kind of a tradition that runs in my family," Mihal said.

⇒ 4. The clarinet players stand at attention, at their first home game in uniform, during pregame playing their rendition of the National Anthem. "My favorite thing to do in band is to play the National Anthem," *Leah Marlowe* (10) said. "I feel really patriotic and honorable."

YOU'RE ~~hot~~ THEN
YOU'RE ~~cold~~

With the changing weather and the bipolar school temperature, students were polled on whether they preferred a *hotter* school or a *cooler* one



271 Students Polled

InterACTIVE Learning

"Mr. Flewelling and the rest of the physics teachers really do a good job of not just making each lesson a boring physics lecture but making them interactive so we can understand and use them in our everyday life," junior *Brendyn McKinnon* said.



CP 2.0 Takes On BRAINHoney™

Technology can be very important. From turning on the light when you wake up in the morning to putting a tape into a movie player, technology is something we use in everyday life. For students, Brain Honey was one of the most important tools during the school year as it allowed you to track your grades, take required tests, and submit assignments online instantly.

Even though it seemed very quick and efficient, some students debated whether they want to keep using it or not.

"Brain Honey is just stupid," junior *Bekah Blaesing* said. "I like the old stuff better: paper and pencil."

While some students found it to be a pain, some saw it as a much easier directions.

"I like Brain Honey because it shows grades right away," sophomore *Sidney Crider* said. "It allows me to catch up on any work I may have missed."

As students work through the rest of the year, they get used to the aggravation or the enjoyment of using Brain Honey.

STORY BY SHELBY MCCUAN

Got to Have APPS

Apps for the intellectual type that want to fill their phone with more than just games



A bio-alarm clock that analyzes your sleep patterns and wakes you when you are in the lightest sleep phase



A fascinating app filled with over 900 different talks with inspirational people; topics vary



An art gallery for your phone that allows access to over 200 pieces of famous art to analyze and explore

Shifting Policies

With the world changing to rely more on technology, Crown Point schools have decided to take a step in the same direction. Principal *Chip Pettit* made the effort to push the school towards technology.

"As technology continues to improve, we have to improve with it because we need to have students prepared for the new workforce," Pettit said. Students will have had either their own device by the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy, or they could rent a new Google Chromebook for the new school year from the school itself. The policy ensuring each student has their own device will have had many advantages towards the academic progress of students.

"If you have a question, it will be easier to communicate between students and teachers outside of school," junior *Sydney Ellingsen* said.

Technology such as iPads, iPhones, and seemingly miniscule laptops began to replace 10-pound textbooks, which have been linked to premature back problems. "We intend to use the technology as leverage to support student achievement," Pettit said.

Many advanced programs have begun to be an aid in the school life of students as well, excelling their performance. Web sites such as BrainHoney, RDS, Thesaurus.com, and Word Reference have been an aid for students in their studies. "With technology here at school, it will be easier to remember homework," Ellingsen said.

Though, like any new program in development, there will be challenges. "Anytime there is a change at the scale at which we are introducing CP 2.0, there are going to be challenges," Pettit said, "...the



GRAPHIC BY B.JASEK

challenges might lie in technical support, digital resources for course work and teachers adjusting with course set up and instructional strategies for the blended learning environment."

These ideas and new steps in technology pushed the high school to incorporate more technology into the school day, despite the challenges.

"Back in the 50's they had problems with students putting chewing gum in textbooks. There will be issues, but we just have to manage the problems appropriately," Pettit said.

This shift is only making students more aware of the html-coded future of society.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT, SOPHIE REINERS & ALYSSA MAZUR

Pizza Mobbing

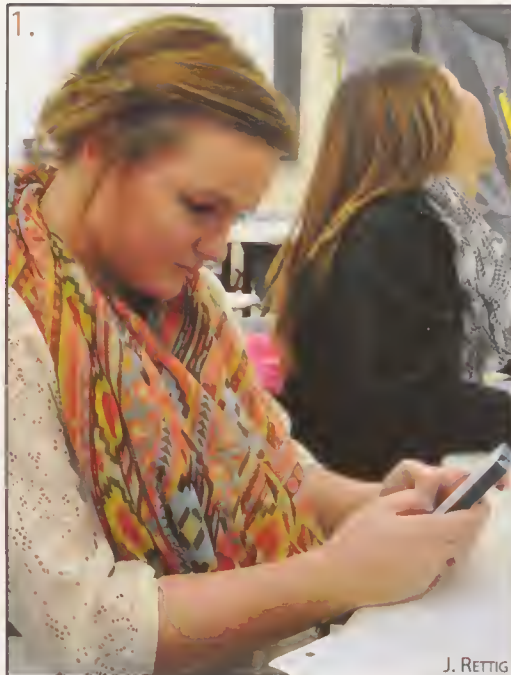
Carriage Court Pizza surprises the square during Oktoberfest and performs in the form of a flash mob



Candice Felicaino (12) said, "It was a great way to interact with the community and meet new people while having fun."

⇒ 1. While sitting in class on Twitter, Ashley Curtis (12) said, "I prefer tweeting because I have no friends to text." With the growing popularity of the App and website, students often spent their freetime during class sending messages to their followers.

⇒ 2. In study hall, Tyler Rickert (11) procrastinates on his homework. "I normally text in classes where the teachers don't seem to mind," he said. This may not be a problem for him to do but any other students may have run into this problem in different classes.



ToText or ToTweet

The everyday debate of whether it is right or wrong to text and tweet in class is never solved by a simple "no texting" sign in the front of the room

The sound of buzzing and ringing was a familiar sound to some teachers as students gave in to the growing trend of social networking. Tweeting and texting became an on-going problem that most teachers were forced to deal with.

"I text in class when I need to. Most of the time I use it when I have an emergency or when I need to know something, so a lot of the time it's my mom that I'm texting," junior Chris Parker said.

While Parker used texting for important issues, some other students did not follow suit.

"I text and tweet in class all the time. I honestly don't know what I would do without it," senior Shelby Houston said. "If a teacher tells me to put my phone away I respect them and do it but I usually always text in class."

Teachers tend to have varying opinions.

"I think that texting and tweeting have their different purposes. Texting could easily be used for cheating on an exam," biology teacher James Correa said. "Tweeting could be used to look up different topics. I personally do not like it and I feel like there is no use for it in my class."

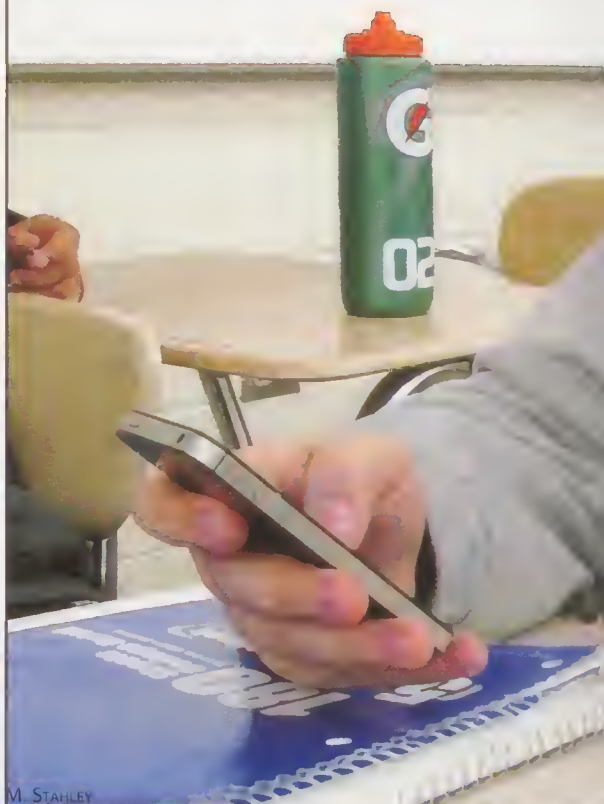
Other teachers feel generally insulted when students carelessly text and tweet in their class.

"I find it really disrespectful. I think it shows that they don't really care or even have a general interest in what we are teaching. It's like, if I was texting while they were giving a speech, it would show to them that I didn't care what they had to say," history teacher Chris Mikrut said.

This is often a touchy subject from classroom to classroom but between the teachers and students, it usually gets solved based on the preferences of both.

STORY BY PAIGE NESEMEIER

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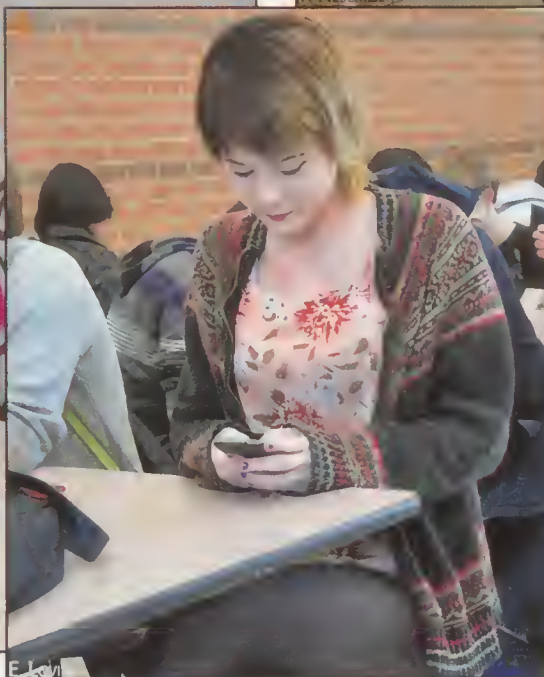
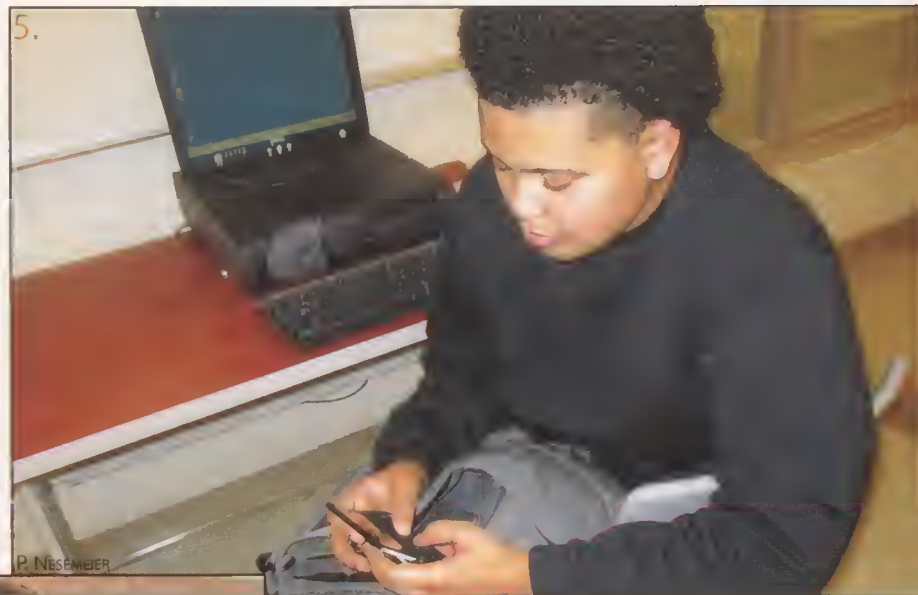


⇒ 3. While sitting with friends in study hall, Zachary Toth (11) discusses some tweets on his news feed. "I tweet about 20 times a day and I joined four months ago," Toth said. "It's the new thing to do." This past year, twitter was blocked from students' access because of the distraction.



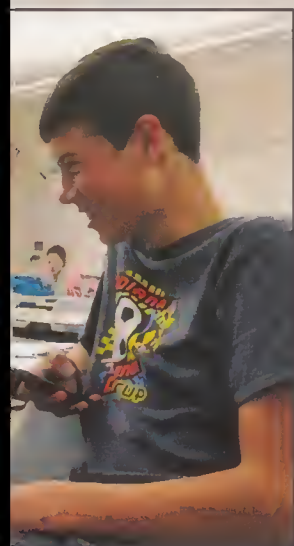
⇒ 4. *Emilee Garrison* (12) texts one of her friends during her lunch hour. "I text because I'm bored, and I realized that I can multitask both in and out of the classroom," Garrison said.

⇒ 5. After finishing all of his homework on the computer, *Maddison Lawson* (11) uses the rest of his time to talk to friends. "I like to text in class but only when I have all my work done," Lawson said.



Creepy Crawlers

Art Club met twice a month and usually did a project based on the time of the year. "For Halloween, we made spiders out of pipe cleaners and it was a lot of fun, even though I really don't like spiders," freshman *Clair Olah* said.



Keeping Culture

Junior *Lynn Kholoki* wanted to keep French Club as close to genuine as possible so she became co-president of French Club her sophomore year.

"I joined French Club because I was close friends with the previous presidents and they told me it was a lot of fun," Kholoki said.

Kholoki was very intrigued by the French culture because of the way the language sounded and how good the food tasted. They did many different activities in French Club including tie dying, cooking, and having holiday parties.

"The best part about French Club is enjoying your time with the other French speakers and sharing old memories," Kholoki said.

The language has captivated her into a unique lifestyle and has improved her leadership skills as the co-president. "I became co-president so I could keep the club the way it has been," she said. Kholoki plans on continuing her leadership position her senior year.



STORY BY JACQUELYN RETTIG



⇒ 1 Ben Jasek (10) photographs Jaquelyn Rettig (10) during a staff bonding session. "I got into photography since I was old enough to walk," said Jasek. "Pictures are the words I couldn't really find, so it's pretty much my outlet."

⇒ 2 *Inklings* and *Excalibur* staff celebrates their arrival to a long weekend full of writing and photography at Franklin College. "It's amazing to meet other 'Journo's' here at these workshops," Shannon Rostin (11) said. Meeting other student journalists allowed the staffs to share ideas and create friendships.



“As a senior this year, *Spell Bowl* allowed me to lead my team and create friendships that I never would have without it.”

-senior Amy Fotopoulos

Doing it the Write Way

Inklings and *Excalibur* took a trip to Franklin College and created an experience that no one would ever forget

When *Excalibur* and *Inklings* took a trip to Franklin College, it expanded their knowledge in journalism. The college offered many writing and photography workshops that were laid back but fun at the same time as they offered the 'feel' of a real college class.

"I wish it would have lasted longer because we were learning so much, but I wanted to hurry home to show the improvement in my work," sophomore Janelle Brumfield said.

From learning about journalism to winning awards, this was a unique field trip for Brumfield. Not only was the trip a great experience for her, but also for the *Excalibur* and *Inklings* staffs as a whole.

That weekend, *Inklings* adviser Julie Elston, received the Sengenberger Award, recognizing her achievement of winning Journalism Adviser of the Year. "She has made many contributions to the newspaper staff. Because of her, *Inklings* staff won the "Hoosier Star," the highest award from the Indiana High

School Press Association," sophomore Nick Mahaffey said.

In addition to Elston's achievements, she also helped the staff to earn the "Pacemaker" award from the National Press Association. "It was such an honor because she really deserves it. It was nice to see my mother finally get recognized for all her hard work," sophomore Olivia Elston said.

For senior and editor Sam Beishuizen, Elston had truly made an impact on him from the beginning. "She always goes out of her way to put her students in a position to succeed: from staying until 10 p.m. to energetically supporting her staff, to offering personalized instruction and assistance for staff members struggling with a story idea," Beishuizen said.

From winning awards and playing video games to bonding with other staff members, Franklin College was a trip that *Excalibur* and *Inklings* staffs would never forget.

STORY BY KAYLA KASZAK



⇒ 3. *Ashley Downing* (12) tunes out her surroundings and tries for some R&R as she enjoys her time at Franklin College. "I learned a lot (at Franklin). It helped with my career path and gave me the opportunity to network," Downing said. With plans to explore Journalism as a career, Downing got a kickstart to her future while taking workshops here.

⇒ 4. *Abby Elston* (12) and *Olivia Elston* (10) look at their mother as their advisor and as a mentor. Teacher and Inklings advisor *Julie Elston* receives Advisor of the Year Award at Franklin College. "It's really great to see her recognized for all of the amazing things that she's done for us as family and as a staff," Abby said.



The Formula for Success

As students trained for the Science Olympiad, they prepared to dominate the competition. "I prepared to go against other students by using basic fundamentals," junior *Jacob Gulka* said. Along with a simple knowledge of science, the Olympiads incorporated what they would use in real life, such as putting together a contraption using pipes and screws. "Science Olympiad is a place where I am allowed to expand my mind through science," sophomore *Sam Barber* said. The Olympiads went to competition on December 1st.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



A Spook-tacular Time

The Best Buddies Halloween dance was well attended with smiles all around

The party had food, games, and even a little mingle time to get to know everyone.

"We let everyone talk and see who hit it off and also who had the most similar personalities and paired them together to dance and have a good time," senior *Andie Miller* said.

There were games, such as 'Mummy'



in which a partner is wrapped in toilet paper to make them resemble a mummy.

"That game was for sure my favorite, it was a lot of fun and I loved to see the excitement on their faces," said junior *Taylor Worley*.

Overall, everyone who attended the party had only good things to say and great memories that will last forever.

STORY BY ALYSSA SETLAK

⇒ 1. Jimmy Beilfuss (11) adjusts a chain during auto shop. "I became a part of auto shop because I wanted to have a hands-on experience in the field," Beilfuss said.

⇒ 2. Jesse Otano (12) and Chad Reed (12) load an engine into the back of a van for auto shop. "I joined [auto shop] because I like being able to fix my own stuff," Otano said.



⇒ 3. Brandon Strong (11) tightens bolts on a car during auto shop. "I wanted to learn what makes the engine run and also how it runs. I also wanted to learn about cars and save money in the long run," Strong said.

⇒ 4. Ricky Reed (11) works inside of a pick-up truck during auto shop. "I wanted to learn how to take engines out of cars and how to fix their problems," Reed said.



Key Club Halloween Party Favorites

Haunted House -

★★★★

"It was fun but it was not too scary for the kids. There were two different ones for the younger and older kids."

Kristen Cananan (10)



Cake Walk -

★★★★

"I thought it was a fun activity for the kids and it was a fun way to win dessert."

Terese Sinal (10)

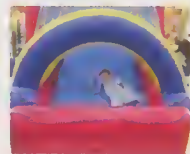


Bouncy House -

★★

"The bouncy house was a great way for kids to play with one another. They really enjoyed their time there."

Sarah Hunker (11)



Building a Future

The VEX Robotics team, led by teacher Mark Query, headed down to Zionsville, Indiana, where they finished third in their first tournament. "I tell my students to go out and do the best at what they do," Query said. Students work hands-on by applying classroom studies into their work. "We use robotics to help students visualize the actual applications that they will learn in science and math," Query said.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN

Working Towards Success

Students bring ingenuity into their class work and projects by working side by side and being hands on

Getting hands on experience is one of the best ways to learn in school. Students in Industrial Tech did exactly this by putting forth ingenuity and creativity with their work.

"Working hands on with my projects is really exciting because it lets my imagination flow," senior *Keith Feller* said. "Being part of a class like this helps me excel in fields I wasn't able to before."

Junior *Xavier Rivera* tricked out his Chevrolet Corvette by using skills he was taught in his auto class.

"I wanted to be advanced with cars," Rivera said, "Being a visual learner is much more interactive and exciting than reading out of a text book."

Even if students were not pursuing a career in these fields, it was very beneficial to have set skills that range from circuit work to building

cabinets. These skills can be used later in life.

"I take wood shop in preparation for my future career . . . being a carpenter interests me since I get to work hands on with all my projects," sophomore *Slayton James* said.

It is a common stereotype that only males are in the industrial field.

"It's really fun and interesting to work with these types of tools," freshman *Sam Cooper* said, "Cutting wood and figuring out how to use the machines makes for an awesome class."

These classes helped create futures by teaching students the responsibilities and ingenuity that must go into working on a project.

"I now know way more about cars than I ever would've without taking this class," senior *Kaitlyn Dodd* said.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



College Ready

Majority of juniors and seniors attend a college fair to plan their future

Colleges gathered from all over the state of Indiana, including Valparaiso, Ball State, Purdue, Indiana State, IUPUI, and numerous others to talk to the CPHS students about their futures.

"The booths provided information that makes the process of getting into college easier," senior *Courtney Lambie* said.

Other than colleges giving out information, individuals from the Armed Forces came and spoke to others about their future endeavors.

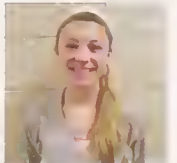
"The people who were representing their colleges and the Armed Forces were friendly and inviting. I recommend future graduates to visit the college fair," Lambie said.

Students were also able to pick what would go on their class ring and could also place orders for cap and gowns.

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS

Stress of Midterm Week

"I was stressed out about Biology and Algebra; getting good grades on those tests affect which colleges accept you."



Mia Gurgevich (9)



"I was stressed out about having Geometry and Chemistry on the same day. They are both very important subjects."

Payton Johnston (10)

"I was really stressed out about AP Biology and AP U.S. History. I had a bunch of notes to review. Also, I had a lot of things with cheer to do that week."

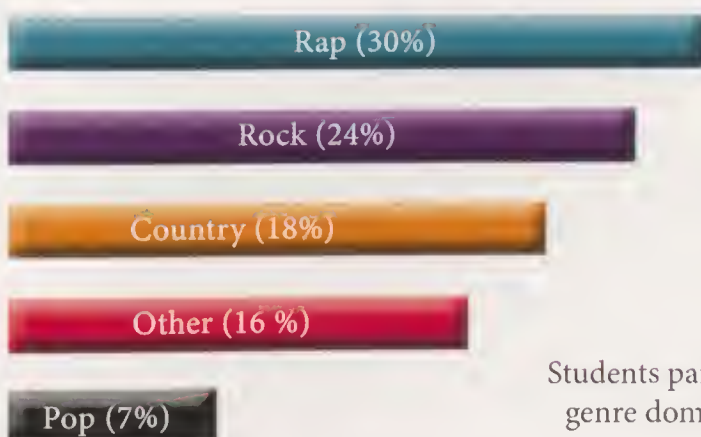


Taylor Franks (11)



"I was stressed out because I have sports, my job, and not enough time to study in between them. By the time I get home, it's really late and I wouldn't get enough sleep."

Brianna Hemminger (12)

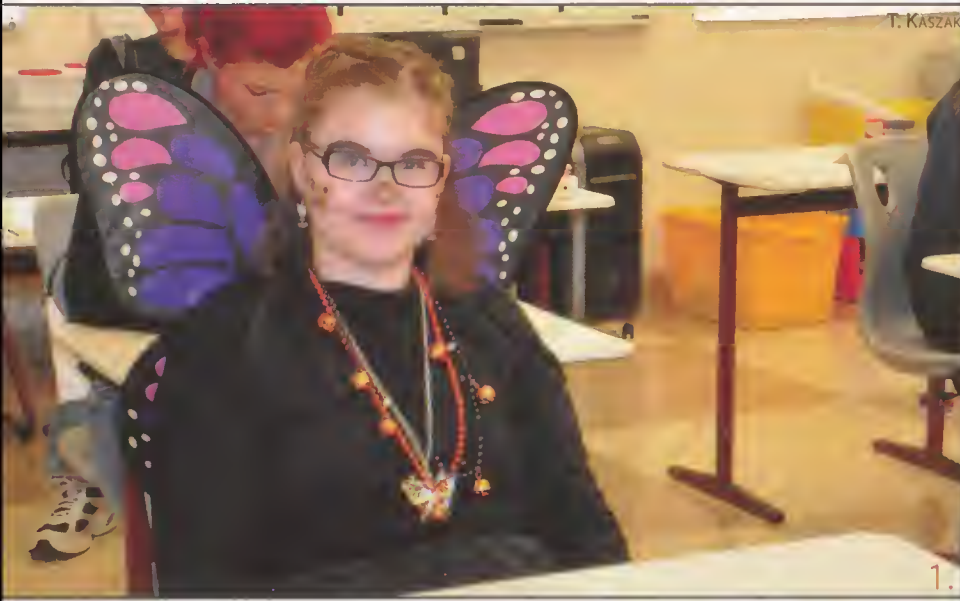


What's on Your iPod?

Students partake in a survey to see what genre dominates their musical device

⇒ 1. *Bailey Renaud* (11) dresses up as a butterfly for the Prostart Halloween party. "It was fun and I played a lot of different games," Renaud said.

⇒ 2. *Justin Garrison* (11) walks out of his Spanish class at the end of the day dressed up as a clown for Halloween. "It was an old costume of my dad's and I thought it looked groovy so I decided to wear it," Garrison said.

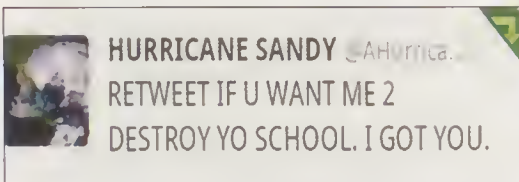


Slicing through the Stench

"If you're going into the medical field, I think the dissection helps you a lot. It's really educational to go inside and understand where everything is, in a hands on way, but it still smells bad," senior *Nikolina Riteski* said.



BLOWN Away



Various parody twitter accounts were created mocking the seriousness of the tragic storm.

When a major storm blew in along the east coast, not only were the people of the east coast lives altered, but our very own students were affected as well

"I was in the middle of *Manhattan* so there wasn't a lot to be afraid of. There were a lot of enforced *safety precautions* throughout the entire time I was there. I felt very safe considering the situation and just tried to make the best of it," senior *Zoie Matthews* said of being stuck on the east coast during *Hurricane Sandy*.



Living in the Past

Students reminisce their childhood by continuing the annual tradition of Trick-or-Treating, while others find it childish

As a kid, many looked forward to trick-or-treating, dressing up, and eating candy. Throughout the years, students continued the annual tradition while others slowly lost interest.

"I stopped trick-or-treating my freshman year because no one was really doing it anymore. Instead, my friends and I have a bonfire and watch scary movies," sophomore *Becky Biancardi* said.

While some lost interest, others felt like Halloween became juvenile.

"I think that people stop trick-or-treating because they think it's childish, and that it's for kids," freshman *Aaliyah Bruce* said. "I also think that people stop dressing up for Halloween because they're not in the spirit anymore."

Even though teenagers lost interest in Halloween, others still dressed up to show their spirit.

"I like to dress up for Halloween because I like to show my creativity," freshman *Keaton Keiser* said.

Even though many think there is an age limit, others think Halloween is timeless.

"It's the one night a year that you can be anything or anyone you want to be," sophomore *Rachael Popp* said. "It's fun to get ready and make yourself look awesome."

Halloween isn't only a holiday for peers; it also holds many great childhood memories.

"I hate the idea of not being able to hold on to my childhood a little longer," Popp said. "Halloween is such an exciting holiday and I love to get dressed up and be scared. Trick-or-treating includes some of my favorite memories while growing up."

STORY BY TRISHA KASZAK & RYLEE BALLARD



M. GELON



T. KASZAK

⇒ 3. *Kayla McGurk* (11) heads to art class with *Dollten Bednartz* (11) dressed up as an Indian for Halloween. "I found an outfit that I wanted to wear then to complete it I just made lines across my face making me look like an Indian," McGurk said.



T. KASZAK

⇒ 4. *Jacob Gulka* (11) shows his admiration of science by dressing up as Albert Einstein for Halloween. "I like Einstein for his theories of relativity," Gulka said. "I found it quite funny and peculiar to dress up as a dead Einstein."

⇒ 5. *Caleb Kreis* (11) dresses up as the one and only Mr. Monopoly to show his spirit for Halloween. "I find it challenging to come up with a unique costume each year and I was proud of my monopoly man idea," Kreis said.

The Attack of the UNDEAD



Starting a new tradition, the Young Life Club scares tourists who enter through the obstacle on Halloween weekend. The volunteers were able to dress up like zombies to get the full scare effect of Zombiethon.

"Zombiethon was an awesome experience because I met a lot of new people," sophomore *Jacquelyn Rettig* said. "Scaring everyone was a lot of fun as well because I was really creepy looking."

Election Day 2012

On the sixth of November in 2012, American families sat around their television screens eagerly awaiting the results of the election that would shape America for the next four years

Who Can I TRUST?



Since it is an all day news network, CNN is on during the entire day to fit anyone's schedule. They have multiple commentators from both parties, so they do a nice job of keeping the show balanced for anyone to watch.

If you want fair news coverage, this is the channel to watch.

Watch if: You aren't sure about your views and want to hear arguments from both sides



Many democrats argue that Fox News is politically biased for the Republican party. This is basically true and there will be comments with this mind set. They feature the famous Wolf Blitzer, so if you can stand his voice this is the news coverage for you.

Watch if: You agree with the Republican party and you would rather hear comments that you can agree with



The ABC network is notorious for being heavily Democratic. In line with this they have multiple reporters including the famous Democrat Barbara Walters, who enjoys giving her liberal opinions. Republicans beware.

Watch if: You are a Democrat and don't want to hear any Republican views



COMEDY TVRIN3D

If all the seriousness of the hard hitting issues is getting to you, Comedy Central is the perfect channel to lighten the mood and bring a laugh to what usually is so boring. Their jokes bash not only one candidate or party, but all of them and are actually relatively fair and balanced.

Watch if: You would rather watch paint dry than listen to a debate

Brennan Kvarta is ready for a change with Romney Ryan

Senior Brennan Kvarta voices his views and support for Mitt Romney



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"Mitt Romney is the best candidate for America. I believe Romney's ability to steer the country into better waters, stemming from his time as governor of Massachusetts and as CEO, far surpasses the economic leadership president Barack Obama and his team have shown. The more legal-oriented president Obama is not equipped to deal with the issues of the Great Recession, nor is he able to solve critical issues like unemployment or our nation's debt problems!

America's greatest strength is our economy. A strong economy with employment supports a great deal of the freedoms we enjoy.

Our economy should be our number one concern. Obama has shown complete lack of leadership on our economic issues. Obama is not equipped to manage our economic situation and his economic team has not stepped up either. What exactly is Obama's plan?

Romney is staking his entire campaign on his ability to fix the economy. He is known for making decisions after having collected a lot of data. He has given advice, invested in, and has ran companies. Romney's priority will be unemployment. If elected, his entire legacy will be determined by his ability to get people back to work.

The crisis we face today is real. We need leadership. President Barack Obama has not provided this. Romney understands we need to limit spending and limit needless wars. Under Obama, the following have happened/increased; lower GDP quarters in history, unemployment has doubled, 38%+ Americans living at or below poverty, 50% increase in debt, five times more people on food stamps, 3x more people on welfare, in three wars and about to be in a fourth with Syria, created jobs for China not America, and 16 trillion dollar debt.

In my opinion president Obama does NOT deserve a second term, AT ALL. Romney is the best choice this election for a better future for America."

Ahmed Shaaban wants four more years of Obama Biden

Shaaban backs
incumbent Barack
Obama in the 2012
campaign

"Although I could not vote in this last election, I support Barack Obama for the leaps and bounds he has made in several areas while cleaning up after Bush.

I firmly believe the George W. Bush piloted this country right in to the ground, which is why I can forgive Obama's failure to adhere to all of his campaign promises. Those who argue that Obama has done nothing are clearly disconnected from reality. He passed universal health care despite the controversy that surrounded it, which finally brought America's health care system up to par with the rest of the developed world.

In addition to this, Obama also repaired our deeply scarred image before the international community following the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama ended the war and as a result, helped mend our image.

I am of Egyptian descent, and I remember the huge welcome that Obama got when he came to speak in Cairo. I also recall reading news of celebrations in the streets of Cairo after he was elected.

For those who say that Obama did nothing in the second half of his term, I say this: You have to consider the political climate that Obama operated in for the second half of the term. Washington was in a state of deadlock when the Republicans took back the house, which made it quite difficult for Obama to accomplish much without being blocked by Congress. This is why there appeared to be a



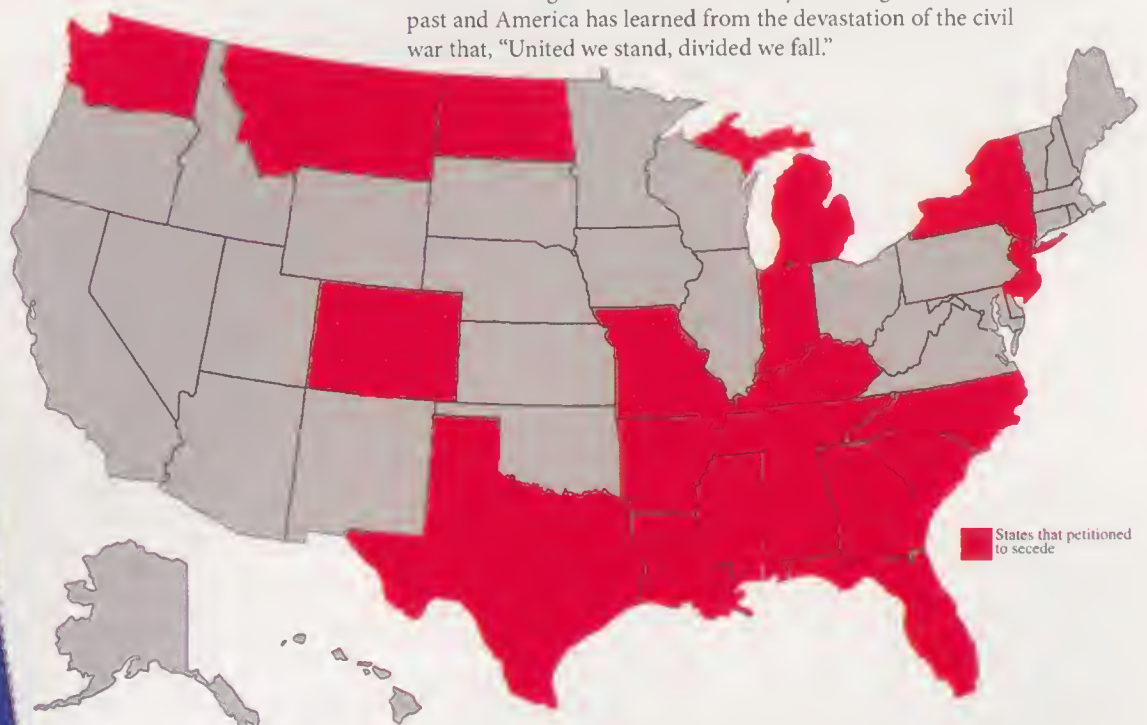
slow down in the work being done by his administration.

Another important point that Obama demonstrated exemplary skill as a president in orchestrating the Sandy recovery.

Perhaps the biggest reason I can find voting for Obama is the undesirability of his opponent, Mitt Romney. Romney worked at bane capital, literally dismantling companies as opposed to trying to salvage them. I don't think this strategy, as a president, would be very effective for our country."

To Secede, or Not to Secede *That is the question*

The 2012 election was one of the closest elections in history. With the country basically split in half on their political views, it wasn't surprising when close to half of the states wanted to break away from the American government after it was announced Obama had won. 20 states acquired 25,000 signatures on a petition asking if they could "peacefully break away from the United States and create its own government." Fortunately, seceding is a trend of the past and America has learned from the devastation of the civil war that, "United we stand, divided we fall."



⇒ 1. As he mentally prepares himself for the stage, *Kyle Thompson* (10) focuses on his reflection in the mirror. "Before a show I usually say a prayer and I meditate a little bit and just get in the zone," Thompson said. "[Theatre] is like a close knit family and everybody accepts everybody else."

⇒ 2. Capturing the moment, *Angel Borazza* (12) becomes intense. "We are showing how we are so much better at killing people than Jonathan is," *Molly Groce* (12) said. "Just the rush that you get when you're on stage is really exciting," *Emily Popomiholakis* (12) said. All three have been participating in the theatre program since their freshman year.

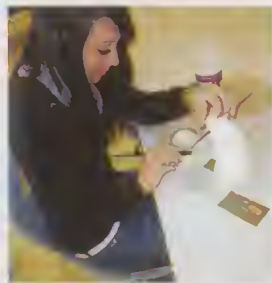
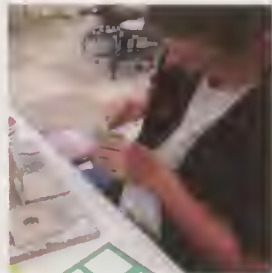


Hands On Pottery



"I'm shaping my bowl with a sander. We made these out of clay and it was a really fun project. I enjoyed it a lot. I really love art because it gives me time to hang out and talk to my friends while doing something fun," sophomore *Meranda Seibel* said.

"In this project I am shaping and cutting out shapes that will be used for an even bigger project we are doing later. I like art a lot because it lets me be as creative as I want and it gives me a chance to try new things," sophomore *Charles Hurd* said.



"I'm painting a snowman right now because it's around Christmastime and our teacher thought it would be fun. I really like having art because it gives me time to relax at the end of the day from all of the stressful work," senior *Summer Smith* said.

⇒ 3. *Kim Kovacik* (11) performs a scene with *Cosey Kitchen* (12). "It was the first activity I did that I generally love, I just love it! Everything about it; I love the people, I love the music, and it's something that I finally feel passionate about. It's something I'll continue for years to come," Kovacik said.

⇒ 4. As they set the stage *Nicholas Kujowski* (12) and Kitchen get close and personal. "Nick and I are facing off seeing who's manlier in the Brewster household," Kitchen said. This was Kitchen and Kujawski's first lead role in the high school's productions.



The Building with the Most Stories

Crown Point opens the new library to the community

-Cost \$12 million dollars to build.

Children's library

-The new library is 45,000 square feet.



-Opened on October 22, 2012.

Teen Zone

Theatre Kids Kill the Show With a Standing O

The fall play "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic comedy with several different murderous twists, wows the audience as well as their fellow performers

Cary Grant, the old time movie star of "Arsenic and Old Lace," had nothing on senior *Casey Kitchen* who was said to have stolen the show as Mortimer Brewster. This was Kitchen's first lead role and he was very proud of it.

"I honestly wouldn't do theater if it wasn't for the people. I just love everyone: the costume girls, crew, and the cast. We all get along so well. The whole experience is just amazing," Kitchen said.

He wasn't the only one who had impressed the crowd; everyone who was a part of the show, from the cast, to costume crew, to light and sound crew, worked their hardest and left a lasting impression on their attending audience.

"Theatre really gives me a lot of room to explore sides of myself through my character, and mine was the really creepy doctor who

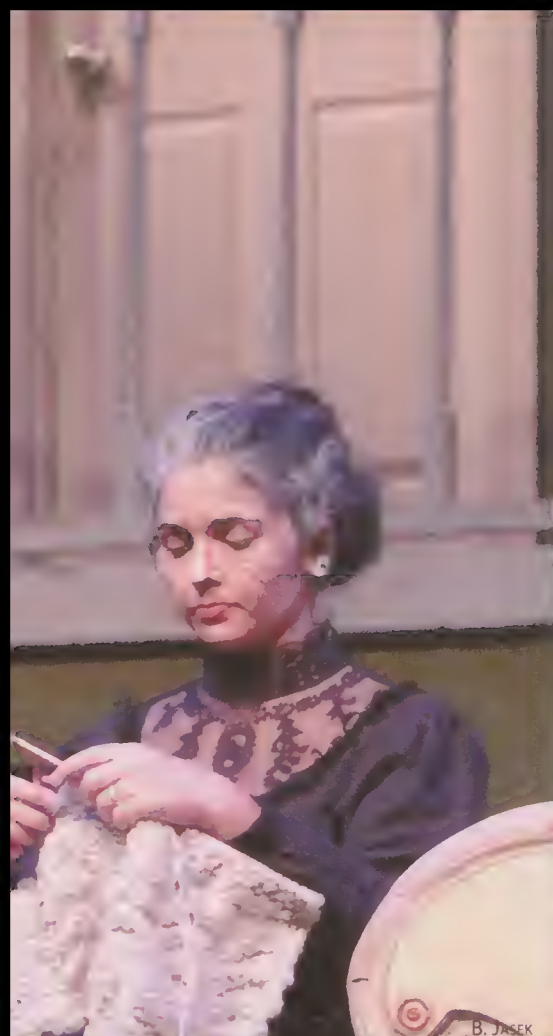
was not afraid to break any boundaries. But personally, I'm little shy, so it's almost like I can take part of my characters and apply them to my own personal life," senior *Angel Barraza*, who played the role of Doctor Einstien said.

This was Barraza's first lead role. "He really did the character justice," sophomore *Hannah Reutter* said.

"There's a lot of moments that you don't realize what you're doing, where a little part of the acting just escapes and you become the character that you are supposed to be for that moment," senior *Nick Kujawski* said. Kujawski performed in his first show as lead Jonathon Brewtser.

Cast and crew members all agree that the show would be impossible without their tight-knit friendships and hard work along with it.

STORY BY JACQUELYN RETTIG



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➡ 5. Katie Fenn (12) and Ashley Curtis (12) run lines in the dressing room. "I like that I can adapt to different personas and that I can be as weird as possible and still make people laugh," Fenn said.

Nutrition Addiction



"I enjoy learning to make new foods, I've learned how to bake cookies at the correct temperature," sophomore *Andrew Castillo* said.



"My favorite thing we've done this year is our guest meal. In just a span of two days I made tacos, rice, a banana creme pie, and strawberry smoothies," sophomore *Tiffany Gaeta* said.

Altered With Time



"I've changed drastically since freshman year. I became more mature and, when I look back, I was an idiot in my earlier years. Junior year is the year I started changing more, but now I am happy with who I am," senior *Frankie Hubbell* said.



Bleeding Hearts

Students unite to donate pints of blood to the Red Cross, helping save lives of those in need

Shopping for prom dresses, hanging out with friends, and late night study sessions for AP Biology are common high school activities. High school students are typically stereotyped for being rather selfish. However, for one day a year, students join together to donate blood and save lives by participating in the Red Cross blood drive.

Donating is actually in sophomore *Hannah Rademacher's* blood. "My dad gives blood all the time and I tried to do my part and help people," Rademacher said. "I was still anxious though because I'd never done it before."

Some students, however, were not allowed the opportunity to give blood. Junior *Trinity Klein* was not able to give, but managed to help in her own way.

"I didn't get to give blood because I didn't have enough hemoglobin. I helped work it though, giving passes and signing people into the computer," Klein said.

Sophomore *Alexis Wilson* was another one of the 37 students deferred from donating. "They turned me down because I didn't have enough iron in my blood. I would've liked to give blood to a human being in need," Wilson said, "because if I needed blood I would want someone to give blood to me."

At the end of the day, students took pride in doing what they could to make an impact in the world. Overall, 167 pints were collected from 207 generous donors who offered their precious blood, all totaling to 501 valuable lives saved.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT



Most Valuable



Daniel Walters

"It felt good but at the same time I was disappointed because I felt like MVP should've been split among the three seniors. Without them, we wouldn't have gotten anywhere."



Alyssa Kvarta

"It feels good to win MVP since I worked hard and earned it."

The Twinkie Tragedy Of 2012!



"The twinkie is a part of the great American history and is symbolic trademark of our struggle; there is nothing else like it so I'm disappointed it's gone," *Molly Grace* (12) said.

Ben Jasek (10) said, "Though it is a shame, the closing of the Hostess company will lead us to a healthier generation."



Poets and They Know It

"I'm really happy with the way it's going," senior *Olivia Graham* said of her club, Windfall. On open mic night, students in the club gathered to share their work for the first time among a student audience. "I'm a bit overwhelmed that it was successful," she said, "I'm really glad that people came."





⇒ 1. *Isabel Dutton* (12) participates in this year's Red Cross Blood Drive. "The feeling I get to save someone's life is pretty special," Dutton said. "It's amazing to know that something so little does so much."

⇒ 2. *Lindsay Spangenberg* (12) donates her share of blood for the first time to the Red Cross. "Besides the whole pricking of my finger, it was a great feeling," Spangenberg said. "I would definitely do it again."



⇒ 3. *Hannah Maxwell* (11) shares her first experience donating her blood to the Red Cross Blood Drive. "I was anxious, nervous, and scared all at the same time," Maxwell said. "It wasn't that bad and it's really good for your heart."

⇒ 4. *Kylie McKee* (10) donates her blood for the Red Cross. "It's really healthy for you and it's for a good cause," McKee said. "I would recommend other students to donate if they can." McKee plans on donating again next year.

Fighting on Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is a holiday to support our troops. Some schools celebrate with a day off but CP did not. Now a question to the students:

Do you think CP should've had Veteran's Day off? Why or why not?



"Some families have veterans and I think we should take that opportunity to spend time with them."

-*Cheyenne Kessler* (10)



"It's not as serious as other holidays but I do think we should celebrate it some other way."

-*Dylan Kwak* (10)

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CPHS 2.0 ART



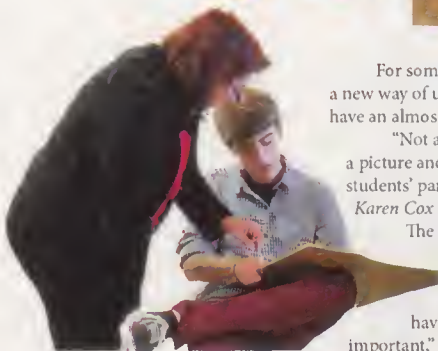
"My favorite thing to do pertaining to art is painting and drawing landscapes, trees and nature scenes," senior *Zach Dwyer* said. "Uploading my art to Brainhoney allows me to show my art to other people regardless of having it on me or not."

For some, CPHS 2.0 may be a controversial subject, but with a new way of uploading students' artwork to Brainhoney they can have an almost eternal online portfolio.

"Not all artwork makes it home in one piece, but taking a picture and uploading it to Brainhoney will at least let the students' parents see what they have done in class," art teacher *Karen Cox* said.

The new portfolios are easily accessible and allow students to reflect on their work whenever they choose. "We are so driven by test scores and grades that we don't even think to let students have an emotional outlet, and sometimes that's what is important," Cox said.

STORY BY EVI LOVIN



⇒ 1. The *Excalibur* and *Inklings* staff walk through O'Hare Airport on their way home from San Antonio, Texas. "It was a bittersweet feeling: coming home from 70 degree weather to such cold, Midwest weather," *Evi Lovin* (10) said. "It was a fun experience but it was also exciting to come back to school to reflect on and tell the rest of the staff about our trip."

⇒ 2. *Inklings* students pose for a photo as they win the Pacemaker Award. "It was a great feeling to finally get recognition for all of our hard work," *Alex McLean* (12) said. "The whole staff put in so much time on *Inklings* so it was really a fantastic moment."



⇒ 3. Both staffs spend time with other student journalists during game nights at the convention. "I have met friends on yearbook trips from all over the country," *Cassy Kim* (10) said. "It's so cool to go home and find them on Facebook and establish a relationship with them knowing that they have the same interest in writing and photography as I do."

⇒ 4. Journalism students pose in front of a market place while on their way to see the Alamo. "We got to explore and see a lot of famous places while in Texas, it was really an experience that I'll never forget," *Sarah Tiernan* (11) said.



Now Trending: #GABE DAY



Senior Gabe Martinez never expected to become a weekly trend, much less a school superstar. Once a month, Gabe Day

participants take pictures and upload them to Instagram and Twitter with the hashtag #GabeDay. "I wasn't used to the attention that I get now, it's cool," Martinez said. 'Gabe Day' started with a few friends that took pictures, imitating Martinez. Soon the pictures became a trend. "The point is to release your inner Gabe," said sophomore Roman Ruiz.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



A Dedication to DESIGN

SPLAT club is much more than just taking a design and putting it on paper. SPLAT gets together to design t-shirts, candy wrappers, bracelets, holiday cards, calenders, and anything else that requires a little imagination and ink. "We incorporate screen printing, photography, lithography, advertising, technology, and finally design to invent a creative club known as SPLAT," advisor Karen Topp said. SPLAT club brings together students with the love of innovation and technology for a good time and a little creation.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



A Triple Threat

Inklings and *Excalibur* staffs dominate more than just the skies during their trip to San Antonio for the annual NSPA Journalism Convention

Some say that good things come in threes and for *Inklings*, this was certainly true. For the third year in a row, *Inklings* newspaper won the Pacemaker award. They also took home a fourth place award for best in show and three write-off awards in editorial cartooning, advertising and sports writing. The staff went to the NSPA journalism convention in San Antonio, Texas for four days to learn, compete, and be inspired by journalism advisors and fellow students. "I was really excited when I won my award. I wanted to act like it wasn't a big deal but it really was to me because I had done everything I could for it," junior Yazzmyne Lopez said. Lopez was the winner of the

advertising write-off.

When it came time to announce the Pacemaker awards, there was an anxious silence, only to be broken by the ear-splitting cheers of the winning schools, the loudest coming from the *Inklings* staff. "I was thrilled and incredibly proud of the staff because they continuously work hard and set the bar high," newspaper advisor Julie Elston said. A Pacemaker is one of the best awards a newspaper can receive throughout the country. Succeeding to get a Pacemaker even twice in a row is a major achievement but *Inklings* achieved three. The staff went into the weekend with high hopes and they were not let down.

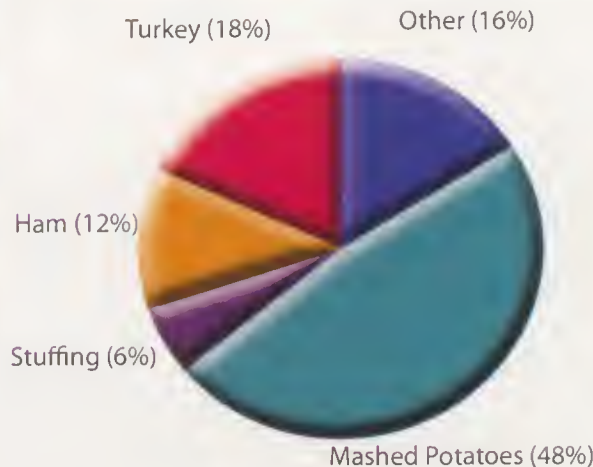
STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



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Let's Talk TURKEY

50 students voted on their food of choice on Thanksgiving Day



GIVING THANKS For Holiday Traditions

Students share their favorite Thanksgiving rituals

"Every year we drive up to my aunt's house in Chicago. She gets a catered meal for us and we go to the IMAX and watch a movie."

-Sarah Gensaw (10)



"My family and I go to Wisconsin and we catch up with our whole family. Every year my aunt comes dressed as a turkey."

-Study Hall Teacher Amy Boyd



"We all watch the game before and after we eat. It's actually a lot of fun and a good way to spend the day."

-Alec Gerlach (9)



On the Spot

Memorizing lines and preforming on stage is one thing, but making a script of your own and acting on the spot is a whole different story.

The definition of improv is the the art of acting out a skit without preparation. But Improv club involves much more than just quick thinking. "Improv requires humor and personality; it is invigorating to be able to go somewhere that I can speak my mind without being judged," junior Julia Abbott said. Improv had their first show on Jan. 17. The show was a



success seeing as they put many hours of hard work and dedication in during their practices. "When we practice it is like electricity, we might be nervous to perform sometimes, but overall it is good vibes," sophomore Paige Loreda said. Whether it is performing through nervousness or finally getting that rush of confidence, these talented performers knew what they are doing and did it right.

STORY BY ALYSSA SETLAK

Presenting "Winter"

The memory of a white, snowy winter remained distant while the harsh "Region" weather we grew accustomed to took a Shift

The trees fell and the scene was gloomy. It was no typical winter season. The ground was not white with snow. No-snow Christmas? Unheard of. The winter was not one that we were expecting. Winter-time normally brought snow storms, days off of school and bitter, cold breath.

The season experienced a paradigm shift.

The pattern that winter normally followed in "The Region" was one with large quantities of snow.

"I hate the weather. I'm upset," senior Courtney Recker said. "It has been so cold, yet we haven't had snow."

The change was not ideal for everyone, but how could we control an unstoppable shift?

Some students attempted to find the beauty in a change.

"I love the winter fashions: the boots, scarves and stuff like that," senior Zoie Matthews said.

"But it is too cold. When it snows it is pretty, don't get me wrong, but you can't play golf in the winter."

The lack of winter weather was saddening and alarming to some students.

"Overall it's been too warm and I miss having snow," sophomore Emily Dawley said. "It brings back childhood memories when it snows."

Some kids had fear that global warming would change our weather for good.

"If we continued to not get snow, kids won't know what it's like to get multiple feet of snow. It definitely has a lot to do with global warming," Dawley said. "It's sad."

"If you set out to do something and you give it your all and it doesn't work out, be willing to modify your goal slightly. Have the ability to look in another direction. A small shift could guide you to the real purposes of your life."

Halle Berry

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING



A. DOWNING

- ⇒ 1. Spanish teacher Michael Gonzalez, Sarah Holland (12), Marissa Schoedel (11), and Yezid Garcia (12) sing "O Tannenbaum" during the Foreign Language caroling. "I thought that it was a great way to meet new people and spread Christmas spirit. I also liked that people came up and sang with Marissa and I," Holland said.
- ⇒ 2. Members of the Latin Club sing during the caroling. "I liked caroling because it was culturally fun and my favorite song was 'Joy to the World,'" Anna Werkowski (10) said. Werkowski was the Vice President of the Latin Club and she wanted to show her leadership by singing.

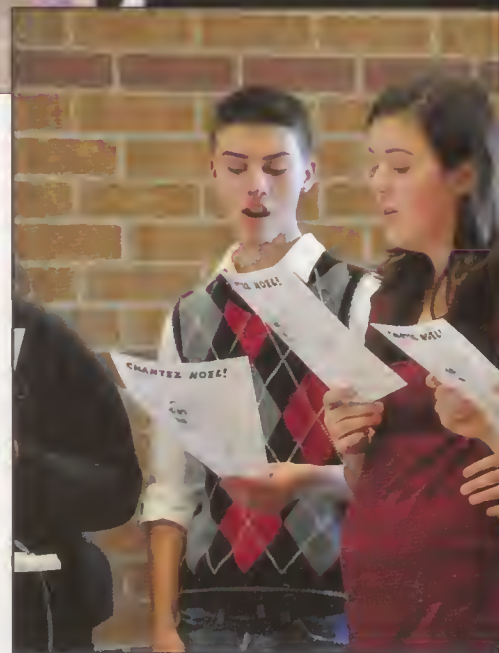
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- ⇒ 3. Ben Jasek (10), Caity Rogers (11), and Hannah Maxwell (11) represent the French Club while singing Christmas carols. "I think that it was a good way to show off the French language to others. My favorite part of the event was singing songs and hanging with friends," Rogers said.

- ⇒ 4. Miranda Kelleher (11) and Elizabeth Lennon (12) represent the Japanese club during the Christmas caroling. "I think that caroling is fun and my favorite song was 'Oshogatsu' which is the Japanese New Year's song," Kelleher said.



Stirring Up A FEAST

With finals around the corner, the FACS foods classes are starting their final: cooking dishes to serve their teachers. The art of cooking is dying out and it is said that close to a third of adults in America cannot cook.

"I joined FACS because I wanted to learn how to cook well," sophomore Erica McDermott said.

In today's generation, many turn to takeout and fast food verses the traditional home cooked meal. Statistically, over 142 billion dollars is spent on fast food every year.

The goal of the FACS foods class at CPHS is to teach kids how to cook properly. A home cooked meal not only saves money, but also provides a way to create meals with a balance of protein, carbohydrates and fat, plus all the essential vitamins and minerals needed for your body.

STORY BY SAM RUDER & BEN JASEK



NHS Honoring Others



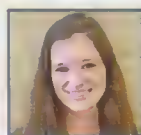
"I think [The Angel Tree] made a big difference for others because others got presents they wouldn't be able to afford themselves,"

- Megan Henry (12)



"Seeing all the presents around the tree felt really great. I didn't expect all those people to contribute to the Angel Tree,"

- Madison De Goey (12)



"Giving those presents made the holidays for people, because they probably wouldn't have gotten many presents, so every present helped someone in someway,"

- Melissa Davis (12)

Christmas Classics

Students from the world language classes and clubs come together to keep Christmas tradition

With Christmas just around the corner, the holiday hype was at an all-time high. Students from the foreign language classes and clubs grouped together to perform Christmas carols and showcase their culture to the other language classes.

The language students had the choice to carol with their teachers as the German, Spanish, Latin, French, and Japanese classes participated in the event.

The students sang common Christmas carols such as "Silent Night," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "O Christmas Tree," and various others. Like every year, they added a small twist to these traditional songs. Those who volunteered to sing got into groups based on their language classes and sang the songs in their respective languages.

German students sang a common song, "O Christmas Tree," but translated it into German is "O Tannenbaum."

Although students enjoyed listening to their own language's songs, they also took

delight in those sung by the other languages.

"It was a great cultural experience," sophomore *Eva Kirby* said. "It was nice hearing the other languages sing their carols."

The Spanish students sang the traditional "Feliz Navidad." Spanish teacher *Michael Gonzalez*, leading the students in songs at the time, decided to have the crowd chime in.

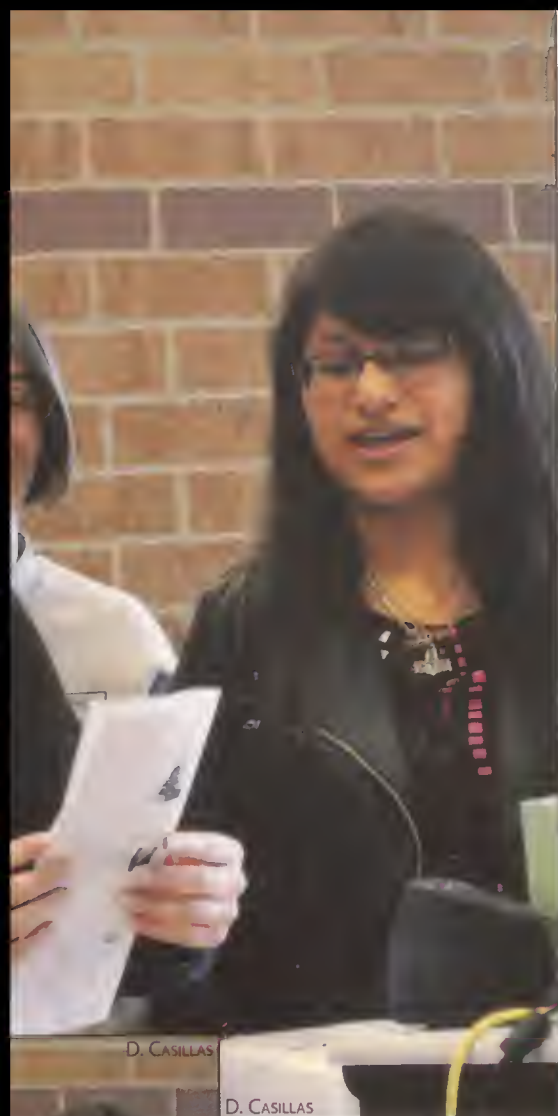
"I liked Feliz Navidad because Mr. Gonzalez let all of the other students and teachers sing along," Kirby said.

Carols were key when it came to getting people in the Christmas spirit but they also had various other ways in preparing for Christmas. "Baking cookies and putting up my Christmas tree helps," sophomore *Christy Kelly* said.

Though it came to an end, Kelly decided she will do it again when Christmas comes back around next year.

"It was a good experience," Kelly said. "It really helped me improve my French."

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS



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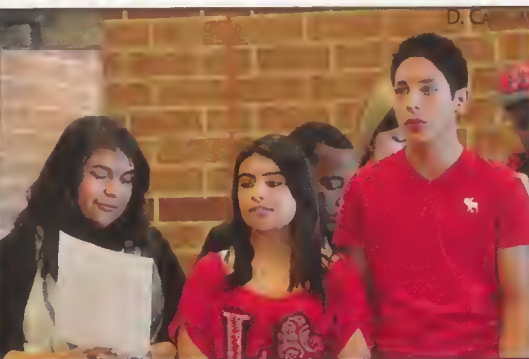
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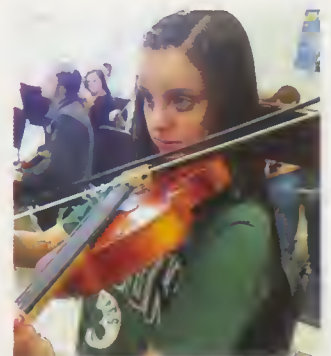
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⇒ 5. Members of the Spanish Club sing at the Foreign Language Caroling. In addition to singing, everyone came together afterward and socialized and discussed the different cultures. "I think that it was interesting to hear all of the different languages," *Becky Correa* (10) said.

1st Sign of Winter

"I think the first sign of winter is the freezing temperatures where I have to wear a coat, gloves, and a hat."

-*Karlie Somerton*(10)



"The first snow of the year is definitely the first sign of winter."

-*Emily Rundlett*(9)

SAT

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"I didn't care for the SAT, the day dragged on and it was super boring. It's really important to take and do well on though. So overall, I'm glad with the experience," junior *Jake Jatis* said.

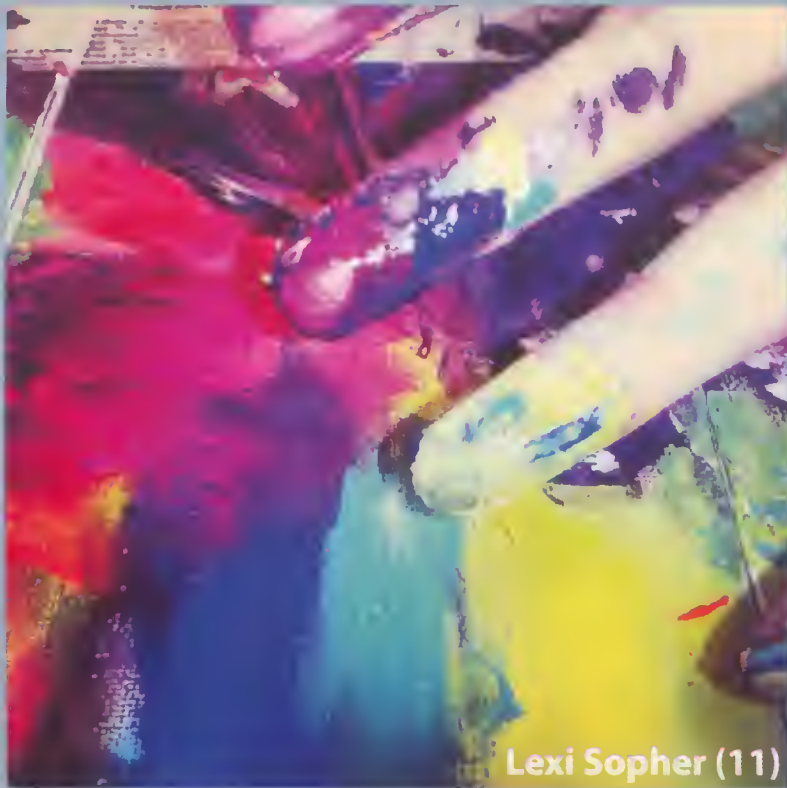
"ACT is a well rounded test that is great because it asks for a variety of questions that range from English to science," senior *Blaize Borovich* said.



N. CAIN

#instaSHIFT

Students share their day-to-day experiences with the popular iPhone app, Instagram



Lexi Sopher (11)

“Painting! #Fingerpainting #colorful #fun #love”
@lex_sopher



Hannah K. (9)
“Michigan #goblue #pooltime @spikedaddy”
@hannahalbrecht11



Collins Smith (11)
“We are so swagalicious. #santa #mall @alec_wells @irishdude20”
@collinsmith14



Olivia Pillar (10)
“Black Friday with the boyfriend,”
@whynotolivia



Julia Abbott (11)
“Do I have to get out of bed.”
@jujufran



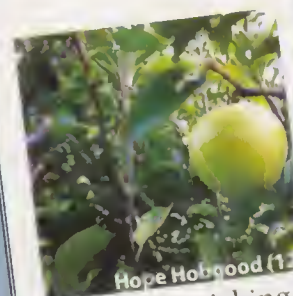
Courtney Holm (12)
“I think it's that time of year again”
@cholz7



“If anyone needs lessons in “swag,” Boris is available.” @jaketents



Lobby Van Prooyen (9)
“12:12:12 on 12/12/12”
@abbyvanprooyen



Hope Hobgood (12)
“Went apple picking with my family today:”
@agirlcanhope



Danielle Dobe (11)
“No matter what, she's always there”
@Jenna_arnold15
@danielle_dobe

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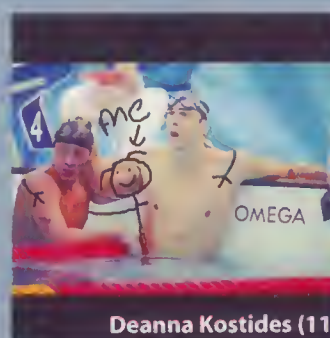
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 @bayb615



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 youngin" @rep219cp



"2012 Olympic 400 meter race.
 Ryan, Michael, and I waiting for
 our scores #tbt" @deon_kostides



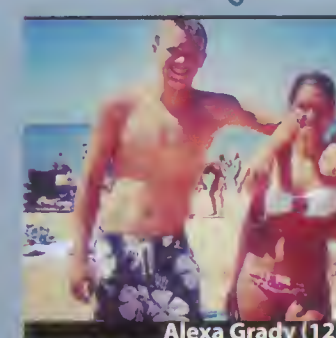
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 @alexagrady

#throwBACK Thursday

Every Thursday marks "throwback Thursday", or "tbt" where
 instagrammers post pictures flashing back to old memories

⇒ 1. Officer *Milan Damjanovic* ensures students' safety as they walk through the front doors. "I think Milan does a great job with protecting all the students," *Tod Oram* (11) said.

⇒ 2. There is a sign posting "All doors are locked from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Visitors must enter CPHS through the front entrance and follow proper protocol," at every entrance in the building. "The security is fine here. I feel safe because we have good security guards and there's not much gang activity in our school," *Keagan Salamon* (9) said.

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All doors are locked from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Visitors must enter CPHS through the front entrance and follow proper protocol.

2. R. REITAN

⇒ 3. There are many controversies as to whether guns should be allowed in school. "It's not correct to fight guns against guns, but they are there for reassurance for students and parents," Officer *Chuck Noonan* said.

⇒ 4. As she celebrates "Spirit Finger Friday," *Brooke Perrin* (11) signs in following protocol for a safe school. "It's very important to have a check in and sign out at the front door because it's good to know who is in the building at all times," *Atherton* said.



Where Am I?

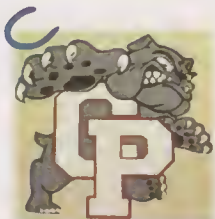


Athletic Lobby



D Hallway

"Stamp Out Bullying"



C Hallway

Main Lobby



Picture A: Athletic Lobby Picture B: Main Lobby Picture C: Athletic Lobby Picture D: D Hallway

As winter break approached, members of the club CASS (Creating A Safer School) visited Taft Middle School and Colonel Wheeler Middle School.

During CASS, high school students focus on preventing bullying with the younger kids.

Students engaged in all different activities in various classrooms, some helped the middle school kids with their CASS posters, and some presented skits.

Senior *Ashley Jones* bonded with sixth grade students while they colored Christmas theme pages.



Hitting Close To Home

As the rest of the country grieves, the school has their own inside conflicts after hearing the news of the tragic shooting at an elementary school

Writing on the walls. Threats by students that read, "we will be in every hall on Friday." A state of panic set in and a strike of fear in our own students' hearts. School safety became a main priority a few days after the tragedy of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting at which 26 people were killed, including 20 children.

"I didn't believe it was true at first but when I got home and saw the news, I went into depression in a way because I just couldn't believe that someone would be that heartless," junior *Caity Rogers* said.

Although threats were reported, staff and teachers had confidence in the schools security and even stepped it up a few notches to give extra reassurance. Yet some students and parents didn't have the same outlook. The lack of confidence in the safety of the school showed

greatly on Friday, Dec. 21, with approximately 1,200 absent out of a 2,700 student population. That is almost 45 percent of students not in attendance.

"There were actually no real threats to our school. Every rumor that started in school was blown up by social networks and texting," Officer *Chuck Noonan* said. "It was the kids' and parents' decision to stay home, but going into that day I had full confidence in the security of our school."

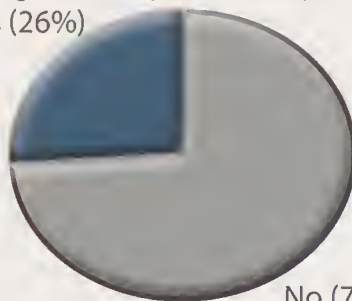
It turned that the school was perfectly safe and absolutely nothing happened that day or any day after even with all the suspicion.

"It is important that staff, students, administrators, and parents know that we have a plan and we regularly practice them to keep a safe environment for everyone," Principal *Chip Pettit* said.

STORY BY RACHEL REITAN

End Of The World?

Who thought the Mayans were right?
Yes (26%)



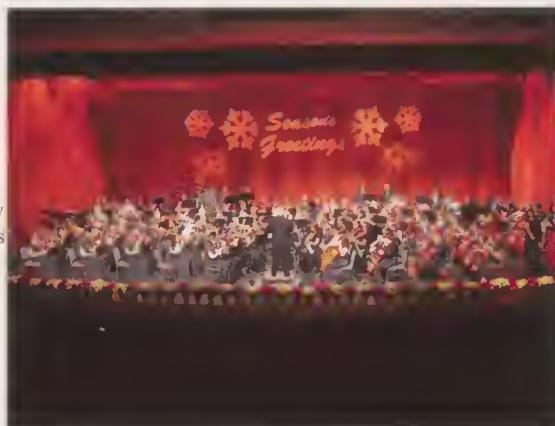
No (74%)

Christmas Wish List

- 41% Electronics
- 32% Clothes
- 10% A Relationship
- 8% Money
- 7% A Pet
- 3% Camera

Notes For the Holidays

This year at the annual Christmas orchestra concert, the students played "Carol of the Bells/Green Sleeves," "Happy Holidays/White Christmas," and "Sleigh ride". The students really enjoyed playing these songs. "I liked playing these songs because they were challenging for everyone, but we all came out on top and played wonderfully," senior *Rayne Kim* said. The audience erupted with applause at the great performance put on by the orchestra. "I play the violin and it was a lot of fun for me knowing that I was an important aspect in this show," senior *Abby Elston* said.



New Year New You

Shifting our old habits...

Jacob Sobczak (10) said, "My new year's resolution was to not get in any car accidents this year."



Karson Rice (10) said, "I want to make new friends and to get better grades."

Sophie Reiners (11) said, "My new year's resolution is to give up pop and have a wider variety of music choices."

WINTER BREAK-CATION

Year after year, students travel with their families during the holidays.

Winter break is considered the best part of winter for students. Students who went out of state left for warmer weather and family, while others stayed closer to home with relatives and friends. Being in Indiana during break is a staple for junior Shannon Kwak. "We go to my old town, Knox Indiana, every year to visit my old friends and some family," Kwak said. Not only did Kwak get to hang out with her old friends but she also got to brush up on her driving skills. "My parents never let me use their car but this year I got to drive around with my friends," Kwak said.

Though most students don't like the idea of staying home in cold weather, a few hours driving in the sleet was gratifying for others. "I went to Ohio over break and I got to see family I usually don't get to see," Beth Mangan (10) said. She even got to take a break from the reunion with the family and was able to go shopping. "We went to a huge mall where we shopped for hours. It was refreshing to spend time out," Mangan said.

Even though there was little snow, break was a way to relax and take a break from all the school work.

STORY BY KRISTIN DIANNI

Was your Christmas Tree
REAL or **FAKE**

62 %
Fake

38 %
Real

New Year's Newborns

While most of the world was celebrating their New Year's Rockin' Eve, some Crown Point teachers were rocking the cradle instead. *John Lambersie* and *Carole Lambersie* welcomed Nathaniel Graham Lambersie into their family over winter break. The new parents were thrilled to bring their new baby home.

"The best thing about having little Nathaniel is just getting to go home and play with him and read to him and just spend time knowing that I made that," John said.

His wife Carole Lambersie was also enjoying parenthood. "My favorite part of being a mom is that I get to snuggle and play with my baby," Carole said. "He is so sweet when he's sleeping in my arms, and it's so much fun to try and make him laugh."

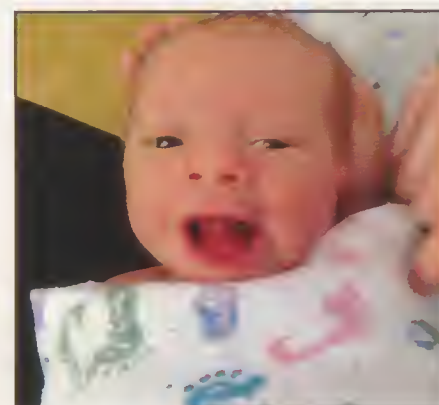
Nathaniel was the couple's first child, so they had a lot to look forward to. "I'm excited to see him grow and develop and watch him become his own person," John said. He also was curious about the process of life in general. "You never really understand how you, as a child, became who you are, but now I can watch him become whoever he is going to be and marvel in how all of that works."

Carole shares the same feelings as John when it comes to living with their newborn. "I'm very excited about all the memories that we will make as a family. I can't wait for all the fun times we will have on vacations and holidays. It's going to be really neat to teach him to tie his shoes and ride his bike," Carole said.

The Lambersies, like any new parents, had concerns. "You always worry about how, as a parent, you try to do everything right, but it just turns out wrong. Sometimes kids just like to rebel," John said.

Carole had some different concerns. "I'm most worried that my son won't think I'm cool when he gets to high school." Despite their worries, they aren't the only new parents in the world or even in the school; Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Campos, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Bianchi and Mrs. Bonich also welcomed children this year.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT



CELEBRATE the SEASON



Students of different religions and races celebrate holidays in many different ways. How do you celebrate?

"I celebrate Macedonian Christmas in the morning at church, and then my family goes to my grandparent's house to eat." - junior Zoki Najdeski

"We celebrate Eid, and after we finish fasting we have a celebration at our church where we get presents." - senior Khuram Shahzad



⇒ 1. During the boys' basketball game against Lake Central, *Nick Kujawski* (12) films live from the sidelines. "Reporters get the glory but there's more to it that people don't see," Kujawski said.

⇒ 2. *David Kepshire* (12) and *Ron Plesac* (12) give the play-by-play at the boys' basketball game. "At first I was nervous, but once we went live it wasn't hard," Kepshire said. "I've known David pretty much my entire life so I was very confident doing it with him," Plesac said. Plesac hoped that joining CPTV would help him in his future career as a sports broadcaster.



S. REINERS

CASE CLOSED: THE **NHL** LOCKOUT

Hockey fanatics share their opinions on the close of the 2012 NHL Lockout



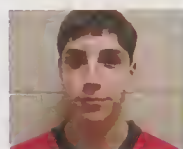
"The Lockout gave Kane and Stalberg an advantage because they went to other leagues while others sat around,"
-*Steven Potosky* (11)



"The lockout ending is amazing, I have a life now. I can actually watch a real man sport."
-*Owen Deroos* (10)



"My whole family is hardcore hockey fans so it was a blessing for all of us to be able to go to the games again."
-*Jon Imburgia* (10)



"I felt good about the lockout ending because I got to finally watch professional hockey again but it's terrible that there are 48 games instead of 82."
-*Brad Marker* (10)

⇒ 3. *Sarah Reed* (12) films the game from the balcony for the first time. "I was taught how to work the camera only 30 minutes before the game," Reed said. Reed spent the majority of the game at the camera, learning some techniques for CPTV's next live broadcast.

⇒ 4. Up in the sound booth, *Chris Dietrich* (12) helps make sure the audio was ready for the broadcast. "We had some technical difficulties during the first quarter, but it eventually all worked out," Dietrich said. Despite some problems, Dietrich had a great time working on the live broadcast.



their real world solutions in everyday problems. Projects ranged from eating disorder awareness to helping animal shelters and nursing homes.

"Our project was about hurricane Sandy and hurricane relief. We were trying to raise money to send people to help rebuild homes. We were going to do a contest that whoever donated the most won a trip to the east coast to tour NYC and help rebuild," sophomore *Jacquelyn Rettig* said.

The whole idea of the project was to come up with a theoretical solution to the problems this school sees every day.



S. REINERS

Changing the **WORLD**

Students at CPHS have often heard the horror stories of what bullying can do to a person but in a recent English project, students researched and presented



ON AIR: CPTV's First Live Broadcast

CPTV took on their first in-action sports report of the varsity boy's basketball game against Lake Central

While sitting down at home and watching a news broadcast, attention is strictly focused on the reporter. Watching the broadcaster report a murder or cover a story on a hurricane, the viewer listens to the story that is being told by the person holding the microphone.

Little do avid news watchers know that much more than a reporter and the microphone goes into creating a story and telecasting it. Many elements including cameramen, story ideas, and writers produce something that sends information out to Crown Point, America, and even the world.

Students saw this firsthand due to CPTV, the high school's revamped weekly television program. On Jan. 11, CPTV took on their first live broadcast of the varsity basketball game against Lake Central. Here, cameramen and sports reporters including seniors *David Kephire* and *Ron Plesac* broadcasted live to the school web site.

Reporting in-action for the first time

was a full success, despite a few minor audio glitches that took place in the first quarter.

"It was such a great accomplishment for CPTV, all of the crew worked together as a group to tackle any problems and then put on our first big broadcast," senior *Nick Kujawski* said, who took on the task of filming the game right on the front lines.

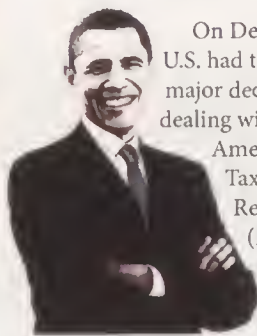
Writing a story to go along with a perfect broadcast is another piece of the puzzle. Creativity was brainstormed by the authors as they ran through and dissected events while the reporters covered them in-action.

Broadcasters stood with their headsets on and numerous TV screens showed the game from the court below.

While a news broadcast by CPTV may just seem like a daily task and a reporter telling a story, much more was required to create a perfect and unforgettable story than meets the eye, with the hopes to be remembered for years to come.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

Falling Off the FISCAL Cliff



affected the businesses

On Dec. 31 the U.S. had to make major decisions dealing with the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA), or "fiscal cliff." This greatly

made by companies, investors and entrepreneurs. When the tax cuts expired on the 31st, the tax increase began the next day in 2013.

Because of this, rapid inflation and a dramatic increase in taxes was predicted to be the result.

STORY BY KAYLA KASAK



The Roll Tide Rolls the IRISH

On Jan. 7, the number one and undefeated University of Notre Dame and the number two University of Alabama faced off in Miami, Florida. Alabama was a ten point favorite over Notre Dame even though both teams had history on their side. Former Notre Dame coaches Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz had each previously won a championship in their third year.

Current Notre Dame Head coach, Brian Kelly, was also in his third year. As for Alabama, they had won three BCS championships in the past four years. While the majority of students at the high school placed their hopes upon Notre Dame, they were tragically let down. The bets made by sports networks such as ESPN were right, the Roll Tide rolled over the Fighting Irish at a dominating and final score of 42 to 14.

STORY BY NICK MAHAFFEY

Back to School: Return of the NERDS

"How hard was it to wake up early again?"



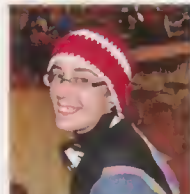
"Harder than beating Ganondorf with a broken Giants knife in Zelda."

-Garrett Thompson (12)



"Let's just say... I move about as fast as Treebeard." (Lord of the Rings)

-Marissa Kozlowski (11)

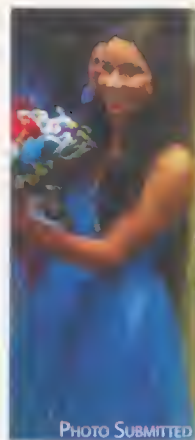


"Harder than stealing the Krabby Patty secret formula."

-Allison Ashbrooks (10)



VS



"I always wear long dresses for Turnabout because it's more appropriate with the weather being cold."

-Junior *Brittany Ard*

"I think short dresses are more appropriate because with long dresses, I think of Prom and I think Turnabout is more simple."

-Junior *Hannah Hein*

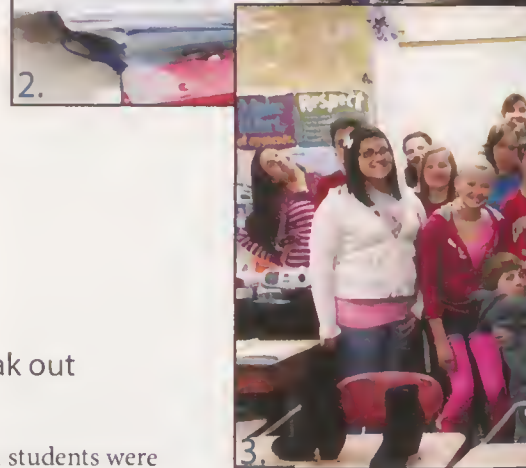
5 ways to save money during Turnabout

- 1 Make an appointment at a local cosmetology school instead of at a salon
- 2 Make your own corsage and boutonniere
- 3 Shop for dresses and shoes out of season
- 4 Go for take out instead of dining out afterwards
- 5 Have a family member or friend take photos instead of paying for portraits

⇒ 1. *Alex Alessia* (10) helps lead a skit on ways to include others during CASS. "We demonstrated the good way and the bad way to include others with a game of basketball and they also learned how to treat someone if they missed a shot," Alessia said. Alessia joined CASS to help kids avoid bullying and to make a difference in the community.

⇒ 2. *Savanna Robison* (10) critiques the artwork drawn by her CASS group. Robison has enjoyed being in CASS and enjoys kids. This was Robison's first year in CASS.

⇒ 3. One of the sixth grade classes poses for a picture with high school students after the CASS activity.



Teaching by Example

The CASS mentors band together as they travel to the middle schools to speak out against bullying

To be a leader takes both charisma and dignity. Students that participated in CASS used their skills through one-on-one interaction with middle school students. CASS representatives used knowledge of their own middle school paths to relate with the future bulldogs.

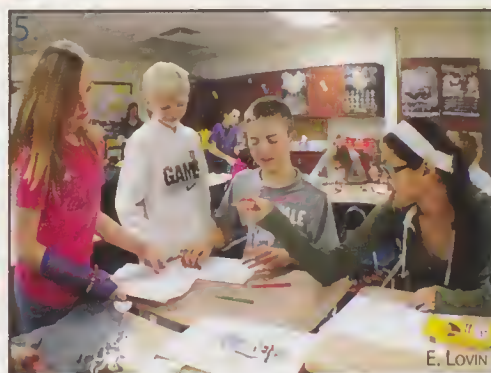
"I'm in CASS because I remember how middle school is and how tough it can be. I think that it's good for the kids to have a mentor to help them do what's right," junior *Zack Bucci* said.

Not only did the mentors leave an impact with these younger students, but they also managed to squeeze in time for fun and games. "That best part of CASS is walking into the classroom each month and seeing the kid's faces light up with excitement. It's a great feeling knowing that you really are helping these kids," Bucci said.

At such a young age, middle school students were just starting to make the realization that bullying can have an effect on others. "To know that you are their role model and you can encourage them to stop bullying is a great reason to join CASS," junior *Marija Stefanoska* said.

These mentors shared their personal experiences to help ease the transition for middle school students. "Middle school can be really tough for some people, and they don't think it will get better. When I was their age, I looked up to high school students and I always wanted to be that person for someone else," junior *Mackenzie Frame* said.

Being a role model is one of the strongest forms of education, to be able to pass on this form of enlightenment through previous experiences is what these CASS mentors were sent out to accomplish.



⇒ 4. Amy Schuch (10) helps answer questions about the CASS anti-bullying poster. "I appreciate helping out and making an impact on the younger kids," Schuch said. This was her first year as a member of CASS.

⇒ 5. Cassy Kim (10) assists the sixth graders of Taft Middle School in coloring pictures for Christmas. "I enjoy CASS because it feels good helping kids learn how to deal with situations pertaining to bullying," Kim said. This was Kim's first year in CASS.

"CASS is a great experience because I get share my stories with kids who look up to me,"
-Blaise Borovich (12)



With the stress of finals around the corner, some students struggle to balance studying and preparing for Turnabout.

Finals only come around two times a year, but along with finals comes the stress of them. A variety of students have different ways of studying. Sophomore Jordan Kulcher is one of those students who believes a certain procedure can help students pass their finals.

"The nights before I have a huge test or final, I sleep with a book under my pillow and it actually


works. Well at least it does for me." Kulcher said.

For sophomore Hannah Karagias, balancing sports, academics and Turnabout can wear her out.

"I have to figure out what I need to study for my classes, so I don't over study. Also, I have cheer practice and competition to worry about. Then, there's also Turnabout I have to take care of," Karagias said.

Over-studying can make a student even more stressed. Students should find a way to balance out other activities and academics.

STORY BY ARIANA ANDERSON



⇒ 1. *Alex Swallers* (11) smiles for the camera while dancing with her date, *Nico Garcia-Vicente* (12). "My favorite part about the dance is being with the group," Swallers said. "The dance wouldn't be as fun if I wasn't dancing with my friends."

⇒ 2. *Max Westgate* (12) throws his hands up while dancing. "The dance was pretty fun and I liked the gloves, but I was really looking forward to the after party," Westgate said. Westgate spend the night in Chicago where his friends rented a hotel room.

⇒ 3. *Grace Wylee* (11) enjoys the night with her date *Michael Keller* (11). "I always like the school dances because I love dressing up," Wylee said. Wylee wore her mother's prom dress to the dance.

Design or DIY?

With a dance already being an expensive night, Debbie's Designs or a DIY project offer a cheaper solution

Debbie's Designs Says:

"At Debbie's Designs we do more of the modern designs, with things like jewels, rhinestones, and feathers. If we are given more time, we can easily incorporate the bouquet into the student's dress. We pride ourselves in specializing in making custom orders for every students needs."



Kathryn Szymanski (12) Says:

"I make all my own flowers for the dances. I love Hobby Lobby, so I will always look for an excuse to go there. It usually takes me about 2-3 hours to make one. It's good because they still look beautiful and are \$20-30 cheaper so they cost much less."



Bright LIGHTS

There are always opinions on the favors given out at the dances; this year the favors were something not ever seen

Most dances are just the normal experience: take pictures, get sweaty, and leave. This year, the dance team decided to change things up a little by adding a new twist.

As soon as dancers entered the dance, they were given a glove with fingers that were lit up with neon lights. The gloves went with the theme of the dance which was "City Lights, Neon Nights." The gloves had mixed reviews with the general school population.

"The gloves were honestly pointless," sophomore *Cynthia Kabella* said. "They only gave one out, and made you even sweatier than you already were." Dances are known to be a hotter atmosphere due to the

multitudes of people tightly knit together, and the winter gloves definitely added to the heat.

While some thought the favors were worthless, others thought it was a great idea. "I thought the gloves were a really good idea," junior *Rachel Reitan* said. "It was fun to have something we can actually use rather than something boring like a picture frame. The way they lit up really gave the dance the rave feel that has become so popular."

The gloves were accompanied with rave music and bright lights in the dance. The gloves were a way to change up the dance and illuminate the dark hall.

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR



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With so many students and so few boutiques in Crown Point, it's often hard to find a dress that hasn't already been purchased. Although many find it embarrassing, wearing the same dress as someone can often be an experience to see how it can be worn differently.

SEEING DOUBLE

Kennedy Tolbert (10)

Kennedy chose to not wear a necklace. This helped bring out the extravagance of the top of the dress.

Kennedy wore a blue tone shade for her shoes that complimented the darker colors in her dress.



The girls both put their hair in up-dos, a smart move for any girl trying to beat the heat of the venue.

Both wore long earrings to compliment their up-do and match the length of the dress.

Both added a bit of sparkle to the ensemble with a silver bracelet.

Kennedy chose white as an accent in her flowers, helping to contrast her skin tone.

Jordan Kulcher (10)

Jordan wore a small necklace to break up the space between the top of her dress and her face and accentuate her neckline.

Jordan placed yellow carnations in her bouquet to add a subtle but complimentary color to her blue dress.

Jordan wore a strappier, silver heel to accent her silver jewelry.



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⇒ 1. *Sarina Niewiadomski* (12) sings her original song "Guy From Out of Town," at the talent show; her singing abilities earned her Most Talented. "I felt like I was on America's Got Talent," Niewiadomski said.

⇒ 2. Performing at the talent show, *Franchesca Bass* (11) danced to "Countdown" by Beyoncé. "There was not a way to describe my performance, dancing is something I love," Bass said. Dancing for so many years has influenced Bass to keep dancing and pursue her dream in California.



E. LOVIN

2.

There's An App For That



Instagram

Share, like, and comment on photos taken on a mobile device.

iMessage

Text other mobile Apple products via wifi.



Snapchat

Send funny selfies that disappear in under ten seconds.

Ruzzle

Compete with friends to find as many words as you can.



Twitter

A social network where you can see friends or celebrities "tweet" about their life.

Pandora

Enjoy a personalized radio through the internet.



⇒ 3. While *Frank Hubbell* (12) played the guitar, *Hope Hobgood* (12) and *Casey Kitchen* (12) sang a duet to "If It Means A Lot to You" by A Day to Remember. Hobgood said, "Knowing that my grandfather was a singer and that I never met him before pushed me to strive for success." Their performance won them Crowd Pleaser at this year's talent show.

⇒ 4. Playing her ukulele *Katie Fenn* (12) sings her song. Fenn said, "I made myself become an artist. No one should force feed passion. I taught myself every instrument I play." Fenn won Most Original and had only been playing her ukulele for only a couple of months.



Dancing With Style

Ballroom dancing is not your everyday club that people talk about. But to some people it's a way for them to express themselves in a unique way.

"It's a fun club and I enjoy learning the different forms of dance," senior *Nina Rettig* said. "Here I'm dancing with my partner Angel."

We are doing a lift which is pretty rare for ballroom dance. But we always have so much fun dancing together."

Nina has been a member of the ballroom club since her freshman year. Her sister are what inspired her to join this group.

"My sister is actually in a salsa club at college, and I hope that when I get into college, I can be a part of something like that as well."

Lighting up the Stage

Students strive to create a flawless performance in the Talent Show

Life in the spotlight is old news for senior *Katie Fenn*, winner of the "Most Original Performance." She, amongst 10 other acts, performed in the Talent Show on Jan. 19. Fenn taught herself to play her ukulele, "Luna" two weeks prior to her performance. She writes her own songs and has been doing so since she "learned how to lie."

"Inspiration comes when my soul is on fire. Anything can provoke me to write," Fenn said. Singing is her passion and she absolutely loves it. "My performance felt like I was walking on water. Everyone seemed to love listening to me, which is strange, because normally I can never get a word in." Although Fenn has performed in the Talent Show for two years, she still isn't positive if she has talent or just good friends, because her confidence "will just slip through the cracks of the floorboards some days."

When she did the talent show last year

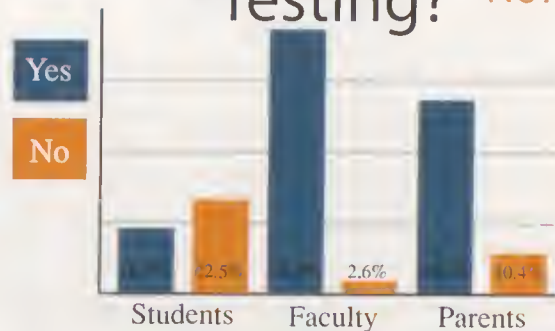
and sang her sorrow filled song, a tribute to her mother, "A beautiful girl came up to me after and told me how well I did. That is what would propel me into the music industry for a career."

On the contrary, senior *Hope Hobgood*, a "Crowd Pleaser" awarded, is new to this kind of attention. "My performance was exhilarating, we (seniors *Casey Kitchen*, and *Frank Hubbell*) were so nervous before the show. We were talking with other performers and we got so distracted we didn't hear our names get called!" Hobgood said.

She walked on stage and stopped in fear, "I can't walk off stage, I have to do this. I performed and everything just kind of faded away." It was a very enjoyable performance according to their audience that ecstatically sang along to their song, "If It Means A Lot to You" by A Day To Remember. Jan. 19, 2013 was definitely a day for her to remember.

STORY BY JACQUELYN RETTIG

Drug Testing? Yes or No?



Cutting Edge

Wood shop students works on their in-class projects.



Sarah Ravesloot (9) sanded her bookshelf to make it smooth.



Nick Kulpa (10) routed the wood and added design to his project.

Anything Auburn

Members:

Alex Nickla (12)
John MacNeil (12)
Jake Voss (12)
Roman Ruiz (10)
Becca Olesek (10)

Genre:

Indie-pop music

"My favorite part is being able to play music with a cool group of guys," said Becca Olesek (10).



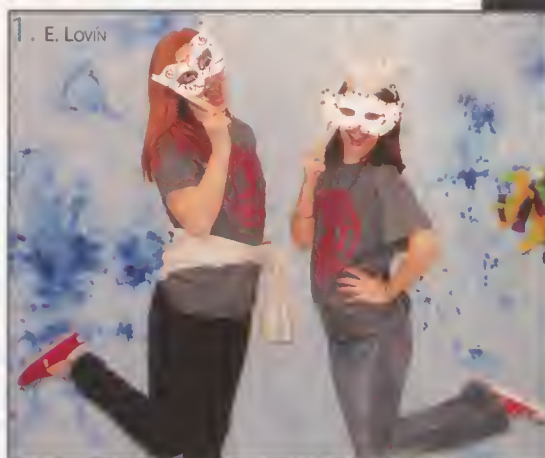
A *Noteworthy* collage

The music department featured an array of performances, a photo booth and a silent auction at A Noteworthy Night.



⇒ 1. President Kathryn Szymanski (12) and vice president Katie Dillon (11) of NHS, celebrate with joy and smiles in this year's first celebrated Mardi Gras event. "Mardi Gras was a good way to do service projects," Dillon said. NHS ran a booth for the children to do some mask-making.

⇒ 2. David Kepshire (12) helps guide the children that attended the Mardi Gras event while playing games. "It was a great way to interact with the kids because not only were they excited to play, they were excited to get beads," Kepshire said. Kepshire presented his booth with Bozo Buckets.



Funding a Cause

In celebration of Mardi Gras, clubs and organizations get together to raise money for the community

The Mardi Gras party on February 1st was hosted by the National Honor Society. All students and children around the community throughout the Crown Point Corporation were invited to come and celebrate the event at the high school. Club sponsor Amanda Campos sent out flyers to all the elementary schools to notify both students and parents of the event.

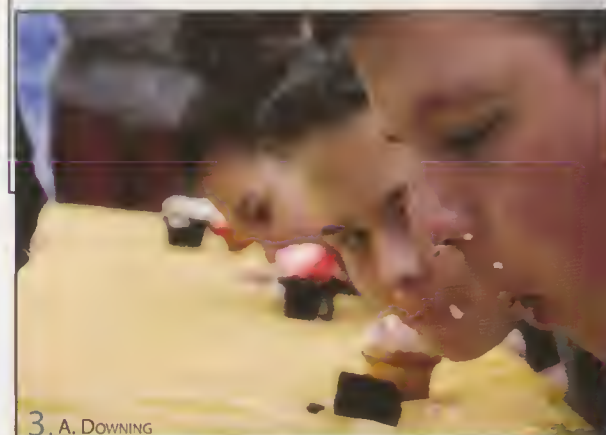
Most would think that the event was only held in the celebration of Mardi Gras, but little did they know that all of the proceeds went the St. Jude House. NHS chose a local charity in town to donate and raise money for. After hearing that the Crown Point Community Foundation who would match the amount they rose. NHS ended up raising 250 dollars, and contributed to the 500 that was donated to St. Jude. "It felt great

knowing we made such a difference and that the kids were having fun at the same time," senior Megan Henry said.

German club, RoboDogs, CASS, Latin Club, Student Union, and Excalibur each had a booth at the occasion. Activities featured included bean bags, bozo buckets, bowling, hula hoops, basketball, face painting, arts & crafts, a cake walk, cupcake eating contest, fortune telling, and a photo booth. Each table gave the party-goers an opportunity for a prize and a little bit of fun.

Senior Melissa Davis said, "It could have been better, but since it was the first year we knew it was going to be a hit or a miss." In agreement with Davis, senior Josh Allen said, "For next year, more advertising is needed, but the kids that came had a great time."

STORY BY LEXI NORDIN





⇒ 4. Nick Huls (12), Josh Allen (12), and John MacNeil (12) get into their Mardi Gras spirit and pose for the yearbook photo booth. "I was supposed to be patrolling the halls," Huls said. "I just ended up joining my friends that were there-just looking for fun."

⇒ 5. Tyler Hendrickson (12), joins the Mardi Gras cupcake eating contest. "I like a challenge," Hendrickson said. "It seemed like a pretty stiff competition." Hendrickson sponsored NHS and their game of Hula Hoop.



Academic Decathlon went to state and placed fourth. "I think Academic Decathlon is a lot of fun because you get to learn new things and push yourself. I love spending time with the other people in this club,"

- Reagan Airey (11)

State Smarts



The Social Bowl

The Baltimore Ravens took the title meanwhile CPHS seniors had some winning tweets.

"The same people who control the heat at CPHS apparently run the Superbowl lights."

-senior Ahmed Shaaban (@shaabanban)

"Did you try unplugging it and then plugging it back in?"

-senior Molly Grace (@MolloGrace)

"No, Beyonce, God bless you."

-senior Kat Keller (@WhiskersAndAll)

"I love the images of sad losing players behind flying confetti"

-senior Sam Beishuizen (@Sam_Beishuizen)

"I turned out some of the lights on my house #AlmostLikeImThere"

-senior Jacob Carey (@jake_carey58)

"So far in this game, i'm sensing a disturbing lack of giant fighting robots."

-senior John MacNeil (@John_SmackNeil)

Crushing it Out

Valentine's Day gives a whole new meaning to crushing on someone by offering up ways to get their attention

Love was in the air when the Marine Biology Club, Key Club and Student Council gave students the option to buy wooden flowers, take a match making quiz or send a can of Crush soda for their sweetheart or friends.

Trying to add a little more pizzazz to Valentine's Day sales, Key Club sponsor *Andrew Shih* brought back the Match Maker Quizzes. Student Council also made the delicious decision of adding three new Crush flavors while the Marine Biology Club made their way into the sale by selling wooden roses.

"It worked out altogether. We raised about \$1000, so it turned out how I expected it to," *Shih* said.

Everything that went into and came out of this seemed to have satisfaction written all over it. But to most, seeing everyone's reactions was the best part of it all.

"It was interesting to see all the different reactions when people bought or received something," junior *Rhythm Dhillon* said.

The reactions were endless: ranging from shocked and confused to amused and excited.

After the sales ended, the clubs were finally able to sit and take a breather. All of the hard work done by each club paid off by raising money from selling their items.

The Key Club's profits generously benefited the organization of Meals on Wheels. Proud of what they accomplished, they knew they were able to kick back and relax with a benevolent heart.

"It felt really good knowing that we made a lot of money for the foundation; with every quiz we sold it helped pay for people who can't," senior *Chrissy Tran* said.

Reaching the amount of success that the clubs did, they hope for even more progress with each new year to come.

STORY BY KAYLA KASZAK



#ALLin ForVinny

More than a few juniors pulled together for a friend in need

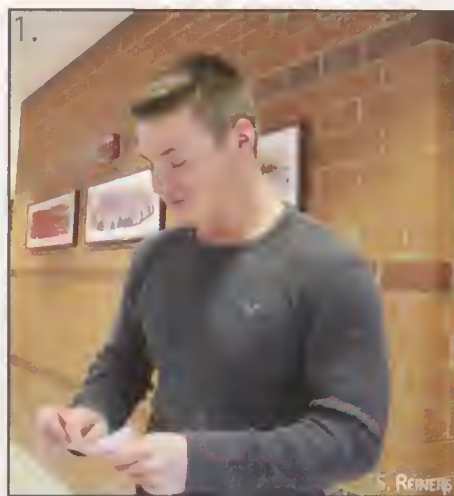
On Feb. 6, junior *Vinny Bonaventura* was involved in a tragic car accident outside the high school.



After suffering from countless injuries and being placed in ICU, the entire junior class pulled together to raise money for their fellow classmate.

"We sold cupcakes and carried a money jar after creating #AllInForVinny, a trend on Twitter," junior *Steven Smead* said. In all, the junior class raised over \$300 for Bonaventura during his recovery.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



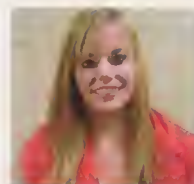
All the Single Ladies

A few ladies share how they spend the holiday of love without a significant other



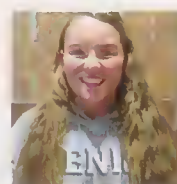
-Renee Risner (9)

"My sister and I watched movies while eating chocolate and playing X-box."



-Brianne Droste (9)

"A group of my single friends and I went out to eat."



-Karlie McCullough (12)

"I babysat my cousins and we all baked cookies."



- ⇒ 3. Bulldog Workshop members sell homemade Valentines and other various holiday cards at lunch. "We sold our 1000th card and everyone was extremely proud of that," sponsor *Cheryl Jurczak* said. Bulldog Workshop volunteers at over 14 sites throughout the year.
- ⇒ 4. Key Club members organize the matchmaking results as they sell them to the students. "I thought it was a cool idea and a great way to meet friends," *Amber Haworth* (12) said. "It really was a fun way to celebrate Valentine's Day."
- ⇒ 5. *Kathy Cacovski* (11) and other Student Council members spend all of first hour handing out hundreds of Crush cans. "I really liked giving out the cans and seeing the messages that some people wrote to each other," said *Cacovski*. "It was really cute."



- ⇒ 1. *Nick Issacs* (10) opens his matchmaking results envelope. "I was kind of nervous at first but when I finally saw who was on my list I was really happy and found it pretty exciting," *Issacs* said. All matchmaking results cost one dollar and proceeds went to Meals on Wheels.
- ⇒ 2. A Valentine card hangs from a student's locker in the E wing. "It felt like everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day this year more than any other year," *Jasmine Soler* (10) said.

Mardi Gras in France

Joining a language club is a great way to be introduced to other cultures. One club that excels in this field is French Club.

On Feb. 12, their meeting was about Mardi Gras. They baked food and played French games that reflected the European culture.

"We made crepes, cream puffs, biscuits and bread," junior

Hannah Maxwell said. The members of the French Club enjoy interacting with each other and learning about the French culture.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD

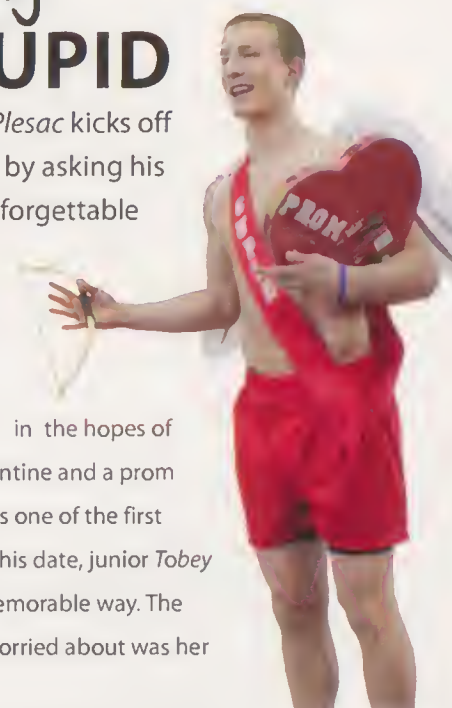


Playing CUPID

Senior *Zach Plesac* kicks off prom season by asking his date in an unforgettable way

On Feb. 14, *Plesac* entered E lunch in a cupid costume in the hopes of snagging a Valentine and a prom date. *Plesac* was one of the first students to ask his date, junior *Tobey Schmidt*, in a memorable way. The only thing he worried about was her response.

"If she said no, I probably would've just eaten the chocolates," said *Plesac*.



STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

Presidents Day

"What did you do?"



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"I didn't celebrate Presidents Day, though I do think it's a great holiday since it shows remembrance towards our presidents, but I like it a lot since we get a day of school off."

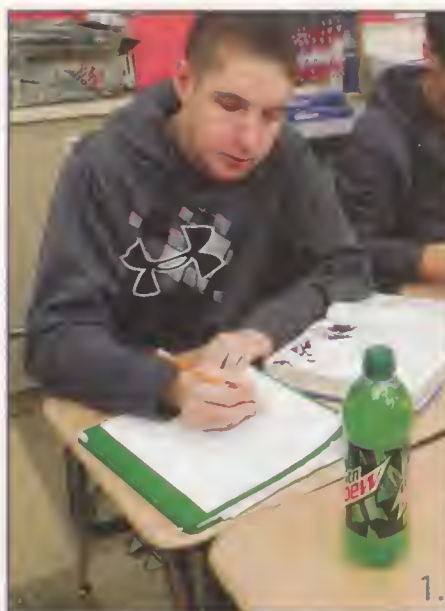
-Karan Singh (11)

"I celebrated (Presidents Day) by reading an article on Wikipedia. I believe that researching our Presidents is a good way to review history and show appreciation."

-Jake Benich (11)

⇒ 1. Ben Macuga (11) works on his review during health class in preparation for the midterm. "I like health because it is a laid back and it teaches us how to be healthy," Macuga said. Macuga appreciates learning about the body and how to keep in shape.

⇒ 2. Justin Boersma (11), Sam Blensdorf (10) and Charles Hurd (10) work on study guides during health class for midterms. "I like health because it is a great class to take to learn about the body and different systems," Blensdorf said. Blensdorf along with other students helped each other to study for the midterm.



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Stretching

Over the Rest

Students decide to go beyond graduation requirements for their physical education and health credits.

Various students take health and physical education classes just to get their mandatory credits for that specific class, other students decide to take classes because of their interests.

"I'm taking health for the credit, but I think that (my class) is very entertaining," sophomore *Alaina Atherton* said. "The people at my table are really funny, I love going into class knowing that I'll have a fun time," Atherton said.

While parts of health class are easy for Atherton, other aspects of the class are difficult. "Memorizing and understanding the terms are the hardest part for me," Atherton said.

Like Atherton, sophomore *Dax Jones* also is getting his health credit

over with. "I like the class because it's easy for me and most things are common sense, I never stress in that class," Jones said.

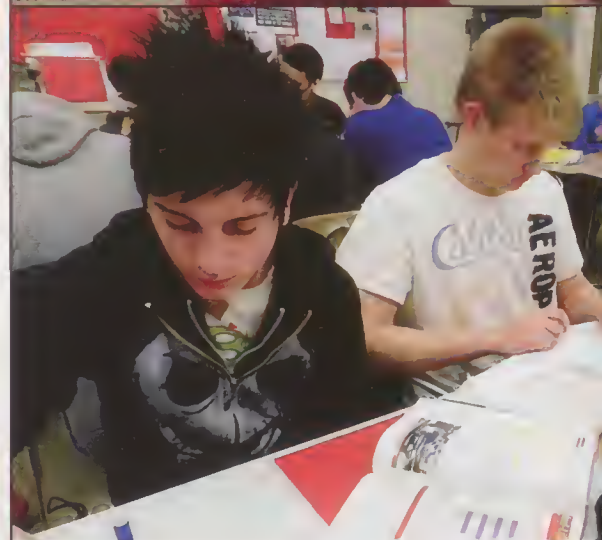
With health out of the way, Jones plans to take a physical education class next year. "I'm going to take personal fitness next year to help me get more in shape and stronger," Jones said.

Another student taking physical education class is sophomore *Olivia Chambers*. "I love feeling like a boss when I'm in p-fit, because I love the feeling of being able to lift as much weights as the people in my class," Chambers said. "I do plan on taking p-fit again next year, it's such a fun class to be in with all my friends," Chambers said.

STORY BY SAM RUDER



B. JASEK



⇒ 3. Michael San Juan (9) attempts to catch a Frisbee during PE. "My team worked really well and we all put in a lot of effort," San Juan said. San Juan enjoyed PE because it gives everyone a good opportunity to meet new people and get active.

⇒ 4. *Lexi Perez* (11) and *Malory Hickey* (11) play a game of Frisbee while in PE. "I think PE is fun because I feel fit and I also feel like I am losing weight," Perez said. Perez said that her teamwork skills have improved since she has been in PE.

⇒ 5. *Justin Cole* (9) throws a Frisbee to a teammate during a game during PE. "PE gets you out of the classroom and makes you get active. You also make new friends," Cole said. Cole plans to join the football team next year.



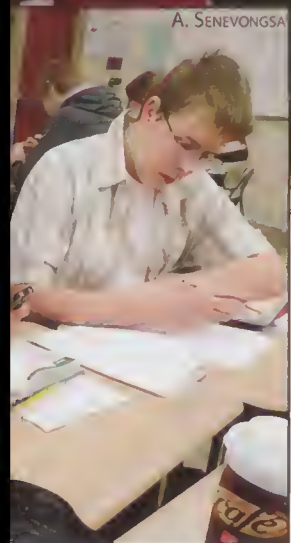
Topic: What's your favorite book taught in English?



Olivia Elston (10) said, "My favorite book is the *Great Gatsby* because I like the dynamic characters, interesting plot, and not knowing what's going to happen next."



Sam Vargas (10) said, "I have lived a thousand years, because it was a good book, there was excitement throughout the whole book. The topic was interesting to me."



Pets in a New World

The Spanish 3 classes were given the task of explaining their pets in Spanish to the rest of the students. Students were graded on their pronunciation, use of vocabulary, as well as grammatical accuracy.

"The overall project was pretty fun, since you got to hear and learn about other people and their home lives through Spanish," said junior *Matt Wegman*. "It was also fun since we got two class days off of work."

Learning about another's home life with their pets can be interesting, but having to decipher the message can be intellectually stimulating.

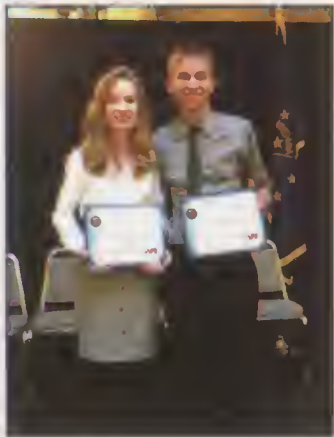
STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN

- ⇒ 1. *Dokoto Homilton* (11) prepares the food before creating his dish by heating up a pot. "I took foods because I've always wanted to be a chef as long as I remember," *Homilton* said.
- ⇒ 2. While reviewing instructions, *Desiree Blostic* (12) coats strawberries with chocolate. "I want to be a pastry chef because I always found baking fun," *Blostic* said. "The two hour class here is amazing because I am doing what I love during school."



Extra Extra!

Read all about it



Crown Point journalists, *Sam Beishuizen* (12) and *Abby Elston* (12) receive awards honoring their contribution to journalism

Sam Beishuizen

Sports Reporting Runner-Up

“It was really fulfilling to be nominated for it because of all the good journalists around the state and being named alongside those people really makes you feel like you’ve accomplished something and that your last four years of work were worth it.”



“To prepare for this we had to make a portfolio of all the work we did as journalists over the course of our four years of high school. In the portfolio was a sample of all the stories we wrote and designs we made and then we have to get some letters of recommendation and put it together in a binder and submit it.”

Student Journalist of the Year Finalists

Abby Elston



ProStart Gets a Headstart

Students take many steps towards a future of cooking and baking by taking ProStart to prepare themselves for possible careers

There are many interests that can catch your attention or leave you completely off guard. From hobbies to goals, unique personalities could be discovered all throughout the student body. For many of the students found in ProStart, the common fascination of cooking was found at a very young age.

"I started out cooking when I was younger and really wanted to pursue it," junior *Will Somerton* said. "I enjoy creating dishes for my family; my favorite things to make are steak and any type of seafood."

For senior *Samantha Orndorff*, this inspiration came from helping out her grandmother while baking when she was younger. "I would go over to my grandma's house a lot and we would always bake together. I love to bake anything and everything," Orndorff said.

ProStart isn't just about learning to

cook inside the walls of a classroom, it prepares students for experiences beyond their natural known abilities. "We won third place during a culinary competition and we were recently invited to a chef's competition in Chicago," junior *Megan Petho* said, "The trips in this class are just amazing, you learn so much and it really is a great experience."

Some students want to take their cooking skills to the next level by turning the education that they learned in the class to a more advanced experience.

"I really want to attend the Cordon Bleu in Chicago," Somerton said. "This would allow me to learn more than I already know."

With so many combinations to mix together, these students are able to practice and become better at something they enjoy doing while trying to set goals and experience different possibilities.

STORY BY RYLEE BALLARD & SHELBY MCCUAN



⇒ 3. As *Bethany Kearns* (11) practices her cooking skills she helps out fellow classmate *Samantha Orndorff* (12). "ProStart is a class that students can take to prepare for culinary school. I've always wanted to be a chef because I love seeing people smile when they eat my food," Kearns said.



⇒ 4. While *Lindsey Unger* (12) cuts up vegetables, she prepares for her future career. "I grew up cooking and enjoy it," Unger said. "I hope to attend school at the Chicago Cordon Bleu and this class really prepares me for that."

⇒ 5. Preparing a meal, *Lindsey Krowiarz* (12) chops up fruit. "I joined ProStart because I plan on going to college to become a pastry chef," Krowiarz said. "I like baking because it's really fun and it lets me be creative."

Let's Get Physical

I think the way Mr. Flewelling teaches is very entertaining. The concepts of physics are hard to understand sometimes, so being physically put into an activity helps when

you're taking a test because you can visualize what is going on," *Michael Pimentel* (11) said.



Shaving Room for Spring

Students' melancholy views of the school year took a shift for the better when spring began to roll around

It was the end of the year and many students had already checked out mentally for summer break. When it came to the end of the year, senioritis didn't only apply to seniors and it was hitting hard.

"I don't wanna be at school, I want to play outside all the time!" junior *Lauren Gray* said. The weather was changing, altering the students' attitudes. However, the weather wasn't the only factor going into changing the students' frame of mind.

"I'm looking forward to starting my sport. I play football and baseball and practices start in the spring. I want to get out there and start practicing," sophomore *James Haage* said.

Senioritis affected students of every grade, including freshmen. Though they hadn't been through the AP tests and Dual Credit classes, they still had as

much anxiety as other students for school to finally let out.

"I still manage to do all my work, I just don't want to! I get it done, but I have no motivation," freshman *Billy Pejoski* said.

Students weren't the only ones affected by the end of the school year. "I love the weather changes and I even have a room with a view," history teacher *Jacob Graegin* said. Not only do teachers have to get themselves through the end of the year, but they also have to keep their students on track.

"Most of the kids are burnt out but they see the light at the end of the tunnel, so they're in a better mood," Graegin said, "I try my best to get what they have left."

Summer was right around the corner, and students were doing their best to make it there.

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING & JULIA ABBOTT

"I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become. Become the change you want to see - those are words I

live by."

-Oprah Winfrey



⇒ 1. The special needs department takes multiple field trips, one being a trip to Stardust Bowling Alley. "Bowling is fun," Johnnie Bell (9) said. Many students are involved with the kids everyday inside and outside of school.

⇒ 2. On one of the four Wednesdays in March, Katie Howarth (10) poses with Daniel and Michael. "I love these kids. There isn't a thing I don't like about being involved with the program," Howarth said. Howarth had been in peer tutoring since her freshman year, but Best Buddies wasn't an option for her because of time crunches.

1. P. NESEMEIER



⇒ 3. As Natalie Lesko (12) participates in the annual Special Needs Basketball tournament, she stops and smiles with the ball. "My favorite part of playing basketball is being able to steal baskets from people," Lesko said. "We won our third championship this year."

⇒ 4. Tina Winfrey (10) works on her homework during study hall, while wearing the disabilities awareness t-shirt. "I bought the shirt because it is a good cause and I wanted to show support," Winfrey said. Every Wednesday in the month of March was the designated day to wear the shirts.

Parents in Training



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"I would definitely recommend child development to everyone," junior Joelle Takacs said. "The class itself is informational as well as fun, and it's a great way to learn how to interact with kids."

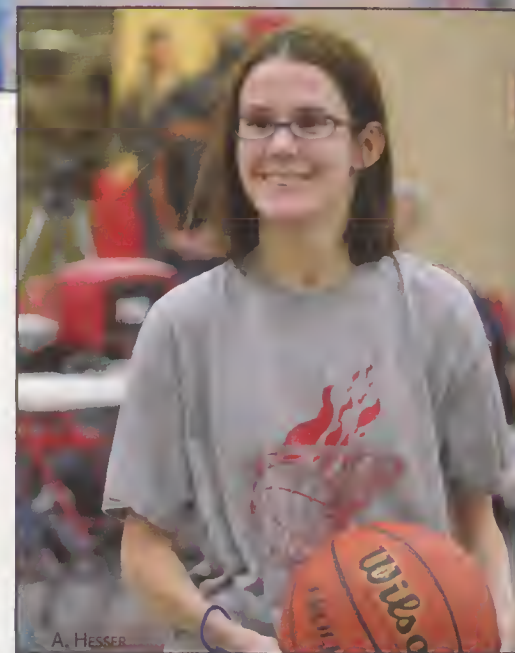
Living the Dream

Ten students from the theatre department starred in the film "Johnny"

For some students, being in a movie is a dream, but not many get to achieve it. Now these few lucky students can call it a reality.

They had an opportunity to go to Chicago to be in an independent film "Johnny." All of the students had the opportunity to be in the film, and a few got to do hair and makeup.

"We had a lot of fun, and I would like to do [movie hair and makeup] in my future," sophomore Jacquelyn Rettig said.



A. HESSER



Front: Katie Henn, Nina Lettig, Casey Kitchen, Jacquelyn Rettig and Emily Papamihalakis Back: Angel Barroza, Molly Grace, Ryan Kelleher, Madi McGuckin, Sarah Reed and Sophie Reiners.

Wearing our Support

To express views on March Disabilities Awareness Month, students and faculty wear t-shirts every Wednesday of March

March approached and it might have been another ordinary month to some people, but for other students at Crown Point it was more than that.

The first day of March marked the start of March Disabilities Awareness Month. Every Wednesday of the month, students helped support special needs students in our school. There were a lot of benefits that came from the t-shirts such as providing money for their needs, but it was also eye-opening for some students.

"We started the t-shirts to start raising awareness for disabilities, but it's also a fundraiser for us that supports a lot of our programs we do, buy supplies, buy job boxes for kids training, and things that we need that cost money that we can't always afford," special needs teacher *Branden Lorek* said.

Peer tutors and other students supported disabled students in our school by wearing the shirts every Wednesday,

but also supported them by spreading awareness to other students.

"The shirts are a good way for people to become more aware of the daily struggles these wonderful kids have to go through," sophomore *Tristan Bushman* said.

The t-shirts were made to hopefully to promote a change of how people thought about disabled students and make students realize that the disabled students aren't different than them.

"I want kids to realize that special needs students have feelings too, and not say mean things to them," sophomore *Danielle Galicia* said.

For special needs students, Disabilities Awareness Month didn't really seem special to them because it's the life they live every day. Nevertheless, it helped spread the word to people who thought disabled students are way different than them when in reality, they aren't.

STORY BY CASSY KIM

Making a Tragedy Not So Tragic

This spring, tenth grade English classes read the play, "The Tragedy Of Julius Caesar." "My teacher, *Mr. Lambersie* acted out the play sometimes and made it fun for us to read," *Sam Vargas* (10) said.

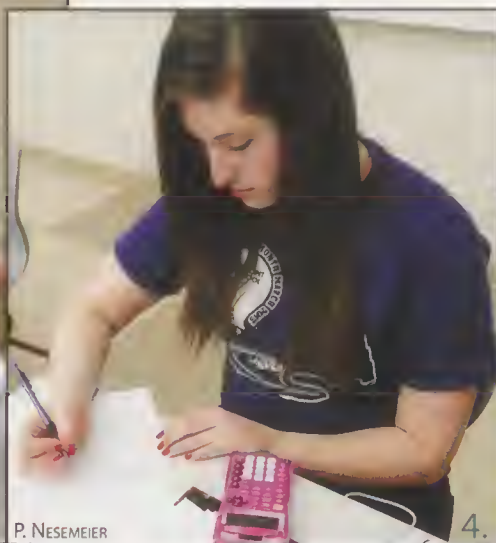


Prom Already?!

Normally, May is the month for Prom, but for many reasons it was moved up a whole month. It proposed a big trouble and time crunches for some students.

"Honestly, this is really stressful. One minute I was just going through a normal day and suddenly I heard about prom being early and started scrambling plans in my head to ask my date," junior *Stephen Jeffirs* said.

"I felt like I didn't have any time to plan and I wasn't sure if I would embarrass myself or not."



P. NESEMEIER

Under the Stage



"From the pit, you get a completely different perspective from everyone else," senior *Patrick Mudd* said. "Being a part of the musical is wonderful and just an all around fun time."

"Being in the pit orchestra is all about musical perfection," junior *Adam Mihal* said. "We have to perfectly complement the talent on the stage above."



Adam Mihal

⇒ 1. *Katie Fenn* (12) sings in the "Hot Box girls" feature. "Playing as the main lead, was the epitome of me," Fenn said. "It took me about a month to get myself into character and taking on the spotlight feels like I'm walking on water." Fenn recommended to next year's newcomers to refrain from the fear and to stay as strong as a bamboo stick.

⇒ 2. *Jordan Tromp* (12) and *Ryan Kelleher* (11) collaborate on the stage for the first time. "I played as Nicely Nicely Johnson and it took a lot of practice to get it down," Tromp said. "The song I auditioned with was the same song my mom would sing to me as a child."



D. CASILLAS

⇒ 3. *Keith Birmingham* (11) transforms from the average high school student to a 1950's bell boy in New York for the spring musical of *Guys and Dolls*. "It's so rewarding to stand in the spotlight," Birmingham said. "When the applause comes, you know all your hard work has paid off."

⇒ 4. *Julia Thorn* (10) took on the spotlight in the musical. "I tried out for the main lead Adelaide," Thorn said. "I originally wanted to try out for two roles but picked only one in the end." In the future, Thorn considers majoring or minoring in music.

Awareness with Style

Not only does March celebrate the green holiday but it is also National Disability Awareness Month.

To celebrate this month people all around the nation do 5k walks, parades and campaigns. Students also bought t-shirts the month before. T-shirts were sold by special needs teacher *Branden Lorek* till the end of Feb. to get ready for March.

Every Wednesday in March, students wore their Disability Awareness t-shirts.



3. E. LOVIN

Dress for Success



A dress auction was organized that gave the chance to girls who want to get rid of their old formal dresses to sell them to other girls to buy. Some of the profit went to St. Jude House and the other part of the profit went to the girl who auctioned her dress away.

"We really wanted to raise money for (St. Jude's)," junior *Yazzmyne Lopez* said. "I also think it was a really great way for girls to get dresses if they didn't have a really high price range, this way they could get a really nice dress for probably half the cost."

Next year, they look forward to getting even more dresses and more people to help them with the cause.

Helping Stage Hands

Theatre veterans show the new cast members the ropes in the spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*

Excitement, with a just hint of nervousness filled the theatre department on opening night of the spring musical. It was the first night where all of the cast, crew and pit's hard work would finally pay off, especially for the new cast members.

Guys and Dolls was junior *Dylan Taylor's* first theatrical performance.

"When I was just getting started I didn't know what to expect, it was all new to me," Taylor said. "I didn't know exactly what I was getting into, but I thought I'd give it a shot anyway." He played the role of Benny Southstreet.

In the past, Taylor performed at concerts and said he wasn't very nervous at all, although this was his first time acting. Senior *Jordan Tromp*, who played another lead role as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, was in the same instance, but a little more nervous.

"On opening night, I was really nervous. I didn't think I would be, but it was my first show in the theatre department and I wanted to make a good impression," Tromp said.

"I was thrown off because I didn't remember anything," Tromp said. "When we moved over to the stage I was confused out of my mind because I didn't know how

it was all going to fit together but somehow it magically did." Tromp said the cast was willing to help whenever he needed it.

Like Tromp, new cast member junior *Ryan Kelleher* also accepted assistance from returning cast members as he took on his lead role.

Self-proclaimed theater veteran, *Katie Fenn*, was excited to assist the inexperienced cast members.

"Oh, bring it on!" was her exact reaction when she found out most of the lead roles have never participated in a theatrical production.

"If I could share the spotlight with anyone, I'd like to share it with newbies," Fenn said.

"Right when we started off, Katie gave me a big stack of note cards on how to talk like you're from New York," said Kelleher, who played the role of Nathan Detroit. Fenn said she helped the new cast members in whatever ways she could.

Fenn said her advice to those who want to involve themselves in something new but have fear is "you should not be scared of what you can't do, but what you can."

STORY BY EVI LOVIN

SHAVING Your Support

Losing your hair is only one of the grueling effects of chemotherapy, a treatment for ailing cancer patients. Students of the region banded together with the St. Baldrick's Foundation to show their support for those going through the therapy. Junior *Christopher Edwards* had a personal connection to the haircut others would see has just a shave.

"I shaved my head for multiple reasons. My grandma had cancer," Edwards said. "I even had a few cancer scares myself."

Freshman *Trevor Miller* also had a personal connection to his haircut. "My dad's best friend just got diagnosed with brain cancer," Miller said.

For Miller, shaving your head also seems to be a rewarding experience. "I am definitely going to do it again," Miller said. "It represents what these people have to go through when they have cancer." Edwards also wants to keep showing his support. "I think I'll do it again, I just want to support the cause any way I can," Edwards said.

The Ninth Domination

Latin Club travels to state competition at ISU and brings home their ninth consecutive first place award

"This is something you need to take a hold of. I regret not doing it even sooner," junior *Andie Wahlberg* said. Only with a passion like hers and the rest of her teammates did Latin Club manage to bring home their ninth consecutive overall first place award from Indiana State University.

The team, consisting of over 32 club members and sponsors, headed to Terra Haute during the week of March 15th full of hope and excitement. "I was pretty nervous before (the competition) but considering we practiced so much, I was confident as well," freshman *Luke Perrin* said. Latin Club members spent hours practicing for Speech competitions and preparing themselves for the Certaman, a Roman-style Jeopardy activity.

While going down together as an anxious team, Latin Club pulled together some of their greatest moves and defended their places as reigning champs. Up against over 13 other

schools, Crown Point swiped 64 first place ribbons through graphic design, creative arts, scrap booking, publications, and even spirit competitions.

"You can say we've had a (winning) streak," junior *Morgan Stufko* said. "It's good bragging rights." Latin Club is no stranger to the championship title. Throughout the past 18 years, advisor *Jeremy Walker* has brought home a whopping 12 overall first place awards.

"The teachers and advisors who help us out are awesome," junior *Sarah DeMars* said. "They helped me completely overcome my nervousness."

Although anxiety could have overtaken the team, they didn't let it stop them from dominating ISU and their tough competition. Bringing home another award may have not been a huge shock to the nine-time winners, but they knew that each step it took to get there was 100% worth it.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



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"It was a truly tough accomplishment given the level of competition they were facing,"

-Jason McGee as his students take home first place after participating in the **Academic Superbowl**



EXCHANGING Lives

Last year, senior *Josh Schuljak* spent his summer in Germany with his host brother, *Alex Jeschke*, who then came back to America with Schuljak to spend a semester at the high school.

What did you think was strange about going to a new country?

JS: "There is so much public transportation in Germany, I got lost!"

AJ: "There are so many vitamins in stores! Also, everyone drives a car."

What was the most challenging part of it all?

JS: "We had to speak German at all times, which was pretty difficult."

AJ: "People ask a lot of questions. But people are very nice. Girls even fought to hang out with me."

What did you think of the food?

JS: "The food tasted so good. It was really new and refreshing from fast food in America."

AJ: "I am addicted to Wendy's! We only have a few McDonald's in Germany."

What have you learned?

JS: "Public transportation is so important there. The cost of living is so much more!"

AJ: "Teens are treated like children in America. I grew up so much quicker in Germany."



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⇒ 3. IJCL President *Michael Keller* (11) swears in new officers at ISU. "Michael (Keller) is our team's role models. He's straight forward and organized. He really helps us out," *Luke Perrin* (9) said. CP Latin Club member *Thomas Cooper* (11) was elected as parliamentarian along with *Renee Brigham* (11), who was elected as secretary.

⇒ 4. The 'Freshman Certaman' team spends some time relaxing before their event. "I was so psyched to participate in the invitational. The Certaman competition is definitely one of the most important parts of the championship," treasurer *Andie Wahlberg* (11) said. The four freshmen played in the novice division in the final round.



⇒ 1. Latin seniors and leaders take part in their last competition before heading off to college. "We attended as Junior Classical Leaguers. We hope to get into the Senior Classical League after high school," *Kristina Mihajlovic* (12) said.

⇒ 2. Latin Club shows off their awards at the end of their competition. "We barely got any sleep that night," *Morgan Stofko* (11) said. "Going to bed so late and waking up at five the next morning was very difficult, but extremely worth it."

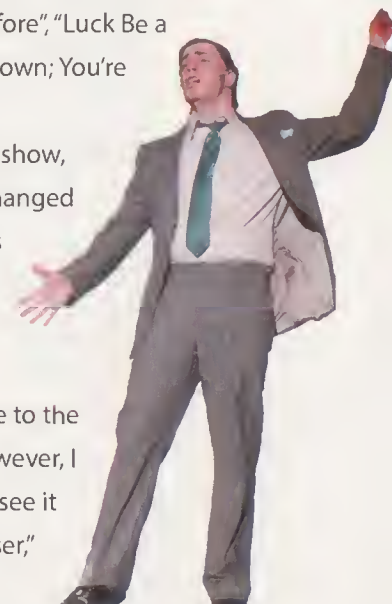
A Teasing Performance

In an effort to persuade students to see the spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*, the cast and crew prepared a short teaser, featuring the songs, "Oldest Establishment", "Bushel and a Peck", "I've Never Been in Love Before", "Luck Be a Lady", and finally "Sit Down; You're Rocking the Boat."

To arrange for the show, schedules had to be changed and shuffled around as students went to the preview in three groups.

"I would have gone to the musical regardless, however, I am definitely going to see it after watching the teaser," said sophomore *Salma Cruz*.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



The Making of an AP Scholar

Advanced Placement testing was stressful and students are determined to study and pass their tests. Three years running, the Crown Point Community Foundation again awarded a grant for funding of AP testing. Students could get recognized by colleges for great scores on their AP tests. "I took the AP tests to earn a

college credit," junior *Taylor Gamblin* said.

Students qualified by sending an essay to the Scholarship Committee and were awarded depending on the number of tests taken and the quality of the essay. Out of the 110 essays submitted, only 44 received scholarships which were awarded on March 26.

STORY BY NICK MAHAFFEY

Spring Break 2013

With the hype for spring break at an all time high, students prepare themselves for a time of excitement, hanging out with friends and family, and relaxation away from school



Mollie Bates (10) poses in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France with her family. The Bates went to visit their eldest daughter, 2010 alumna Michelle, who is currently studying abroad in Greece.

The stress of midterms was high, but the anxiety for spring break to arrive was even higher. While some went off to places with a warmer climate or out of the country, others decided to stay home or spend spring break around or close to Indiana.

"I went to Paris over spring break," sophomore *Mollie Bates* said. "I think going to a foreign country at this age is perfect timing because you really appreciate the culture. I enjoyed that I was able to use my French skills outside of class and to try authentic French food. It was definitely a trip I will never forget and I know one day I will definitely go back," Bates said.

On the flip side with temperatures in the upper sixties, some decided to stay closer to home.

"I didn't really do anything interesting during spring break," freshman *Caitlin Binder* said. "I'd rather go somewhere during the summer, so I have more time to do things and go to the places I want to instead of trying to squeeze everything into one week."

Some stayed in Crown Point due to conflicts in their schedule when it came to sports.

"It just felt like any other day," junior *Dominic Peretin* said, who is the manager for the girl's tennis team. "The team worked just as hard and gave it their all during practices."

For some, spring break provided time to travel and explore places that they may have never seen before. But overall, many would agree that spring break provided much needed rest from school.

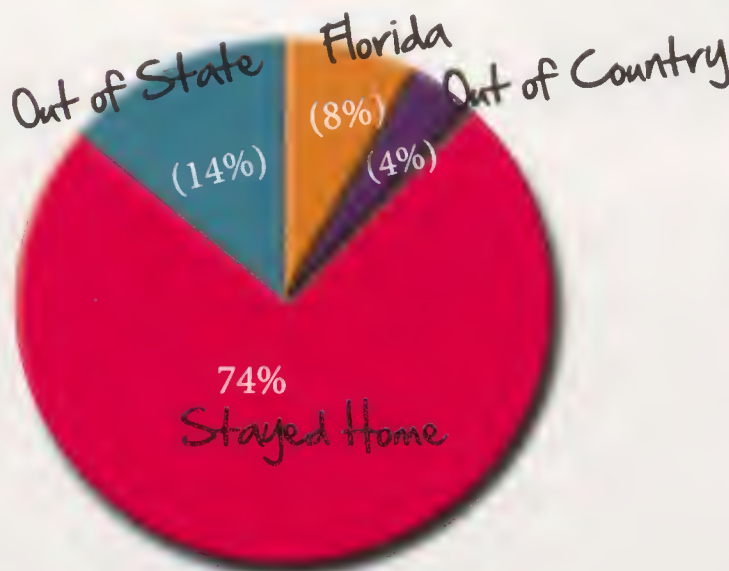
STORY BY SAM RUDER

Vacation Spots

Students participate in a survey for where they went on vacation over their break.

*Out of State: Michigan, New York, Washington, Pennsylvania, Missouri, California, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Colorado.

*Out of Country: Mexico, Macedonia, Italy, France.



110 students polled

Ain't No Rest for the Wicked

Spring break for most consisted of relaxing in a bed or on the beach. For students in classes such as Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH), their spring break consisted of taking a 50 question test.

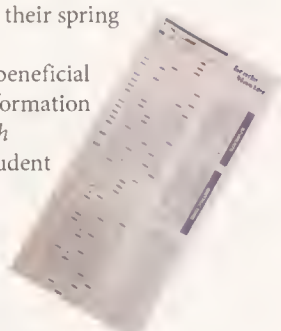
"I feel that tests over spring break can be beneficial because it keeps my mind fresh with the information when I come back from break," junior *Noah Golding* said. These tests challenged the student to reach conclusions from information teachers gave them.

"Students who take AP classes are choosing to accept an accelerated program, which often requires students to do more work than in a traditional class

... It would be less beneficial not to complete the course work than worry about one take home test over break," history teacher *Paula Barancyk* said.

Tests over spring break were designed to keep the student learning, even during a much deserved break.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



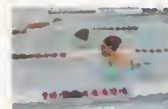
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Topic: Spring Break



"I wish the weather was better, but I liked that this spring break was closer to Easter in the beginning than near the end,"

-Junior
Alexis Fitzsimons



"I didn't like the spring break being earlier this year because of the weather. People who went out for spring break were able to have nice weather. I stayed in town so it was hard to find something to do,"

-Senior
Cara Click

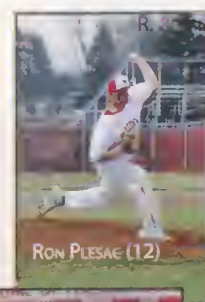
For the Love of...

Sports teams practice throughout spring break

Fernando Barajas (9)

"I like that practice gives me the chance to have better endurance. While others were relaxing, our team practiced and it gave us a chance to improve as a whole,"

- Track



Tyler Downing (11)

"There is so much more to it than just raw athletic ability. There's nothing like it in the world or in any other sport,"

- Baseball



Olivia Elston (10)

"I really like the fact that our team is like one big family. We are really close. I also really love the game. It's fun to play and also fun to be around people who like to play it as well,"

- Tennis

Ally Rock (11)

"Our team is very close and all of us are very passionate about the sport that we love. There is so much that I love about it. The atmosphere, being out there, the competition,"

- Softball

Going Green

Green Machine members come together to help raise awareness about the environment and ways to help out

Earth is the only planet in our solar system that can support human life. Being so, it takes a lot of responsibility to take care of it. For the Environmental Club, also known as Green Machine, taking care of the environment was top priority.

"Environmental Club is a group of students that meet every other week and try to help take care of the environment," junior *Renae Noonan* said. "After taking AP Environmental Science during my sophomore year, it really opened my eyes to what could be and should be done to help out."

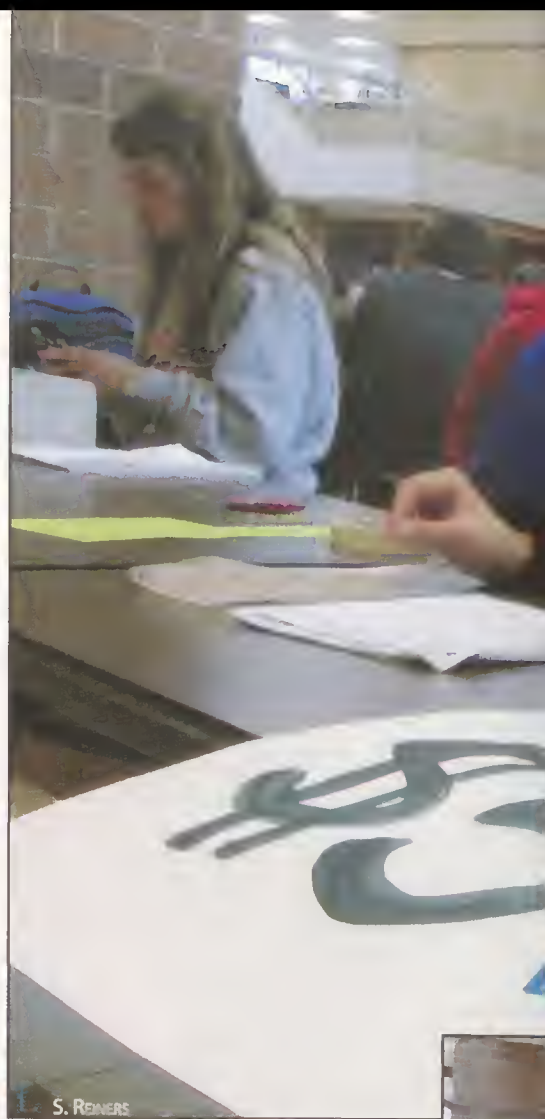
Being only their second year, Green Machine decided to do something to make a huge difference. "We started selling recyclable water bottles during each lunch to raise money to buy wells for kids in Africa," advisor *Dotty Johnson* said. "We came up with the idea after

reading one of our units in class that talked about how much plastic is found in the ocean."

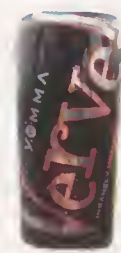
Many of the students in Green Machine joined because they believed that they could help the environment. "I was really interested in the school's effect on the environment and in the community," junior *Steven Bazin* said. "I joined Environmental Club last year after taking an environmental class with Mrs. *Johnson*, I really enjoyed the way she taught and wanted to learn more."

Green Machine doesn't just try to help the environment, they try to get the community involved as well. "We do a lot of activities to get people aware of what is happening to the environment," junior *Jenifer Pudlo* said. "With selling the reusable water bottles that can raise awareness on how harmful plastic is to the environment."

STORY BY RYLEE BALLARD & SHELBY MCCUAN



Young Peoples' Revolution



Students have taken initiative into their future by investing into a nutritional based energy drink,

Verve by Vemma. Students start by investing money into the company and attempt to sell the product. "I'm hoping to work really hard the first five years so I don't have to work for the rest of my life," senior *Kyle Muha* said. "Working for Verve has changed my life and it is something to change the social normality of the world." Participants of Verve hope to see the business thrive and become a world wide product like Coke or Pepsi.

An Indian Winter

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
72/46	54/32	55/36	68/46	41/32	46/34

An Indian Winter is defined as a period of unusually dry, warm weather occurring in late autumn. However, this year Crown Point had a bit of an Indian Winter with weather ranging everywhere from hot sunny Mondays to cold snowy Fridays.

"The weather is confusing. I never know what to wear and once it's warm I don't want it to go back to the cold," junior *Ashley Lyons* said.

No matter what month it is, you can never be to sure what the weather has in store.



A Star among us

"Out of every player in Indiana to get inducted she was the ones the state picked," senior *Taylor Equihua* said. "It was cool to go down to Indy and hear how much everyone loved to watch her play and how she inspired many different people. She was amazing and is now an

even better mom."

"I felt very honored and excited that they thought so highly of me," *Annie Equihua* said, "I saw it as a huge compliment and it was a great feeling knowing all my hard work meant something to someone."



Crown Point alumni, Annie Equihua, gets inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

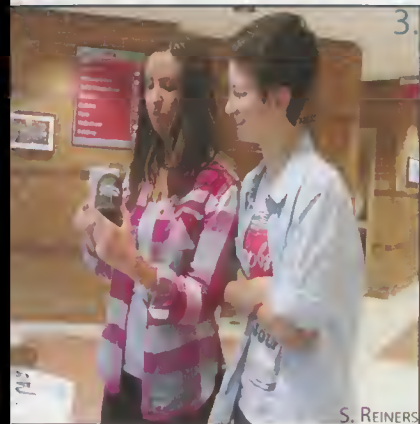


⇒ 1. Preparing to sell the eco-friendly water bottles, *Ben Macuga* (11) sets up before lunch. The Green Machine is an organization to help raise money for kids in Africa," Macuga said. "This club is all about helping the environment and that's what I'm all about."

⇒ 4. *Tyler Hendrickson* (12) takes a sip out of a water bottle he bought from the green club. "We found a website that gives wells to kids in Africa and wanted to raise money for it," Hendrickson said "We came up with the water bottle idea because it's reusable and helps the environment."



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⇒ 2. While talking with one of the members of environmental club, *Olivia Pillar* (10) thinks about purchasing a reusable water bottle. "It shows good character that they are raising money and selling water bottles for people who don't have water," Pillar said.

⇒ 3. *Kat Keller* (12) checks out one of the bottles being sold by the Green Machine. "The bottles can be reused and can help the environment," Keller said "It is important we help take care of it."

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Ciao Italia

Latin Club took learning to another level this spring break with a once in a lifetime trip to Italy

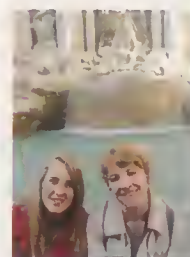
"We spent about two and half years of school learning about the Roman culture and civilization and it was



pretty cool to actually see and learn about it hands on," junior *Ben Wellman* said.

"I would definitely do it again in a heart beat.

There was too much to take



in with only having just a week and I would like to experience more."



HOMETOWN HEROES

It's not often the region produces Division I athletes, especially playing for the same team. Though this year, the impossible was achieved when three Northwest Indiana freshmen were all accepted onto the University of Michigan's basketball team. *Mitch McGary* of Chesterton, *Glenn Robinson* of Lake Central, and *Crown Point's* very own *Spike Albrecht* each made a huge impact on the Final

Four team. Playing with each other for several years in AAU, Albrecht, McGary, and Robinson brought a new element to the Michigan team.

"This team has unbelievable chemistry. We all have become a big family were friends on and off the court so I think that contributes to why we had so much success. When you're out there you're not only playing for yourself but you're playing for each other and that can go a long way," Albrecht said. Michigan had a good run finishing second in the NCAA tournament, only falling to the Louisville Cardinal. All three boys hope to continue their string of success into next year's basketball season.



So Close but yet, So Far

As the year comes to an end, the seniors become anxious to finish off their final stretch of the year

A plague so devious and contagious started to invade the school when the end of the year started to roll around. This phenomenon that takes the lively hood of students was called senioritis.

"For me, senioritis started at the beginning of the second grading period," senior *Justin Andras* said.

Each year students take their own perspective on how to deal with senioritis.

"It is my justification for having no motivation to do anything this year," senior *Ashley Kersey* said.

As the days counted down to the end of the year, the productiveness of students slipped out of their fingers. "My grades are not as good as they should be," Kersey said. "I have procrastinated much more than I should have this year."

Although some worried, others found a more positive outlook.

"It is sort of a way out of having to work to our fullest," Andras said.

Some students found it important to keep their grades high so that they would not lose their scholarships; however, other students thought that once they were already accepted they were set.

There was pressure to finish off the year strong as colleges request second semester transcripts from students. "It adds a lot more stress right before work is due," senior *Sam Beishuizen* said.

Not only were the students plagued with senioritis, but a few of the teachers seemed to have caught it as well.

"Some of my teachers are always harping on us seniors to keep our grades up, while some are counting down the days," Kersey said.

Each year all students look forward to the end of the school year, but for seniors, the level of enthusiasm differs from years past.

"It is a good feeling, knowing the school year is ending," Beishuizen said. "It is a welcome change."

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY



Building On Intelligence

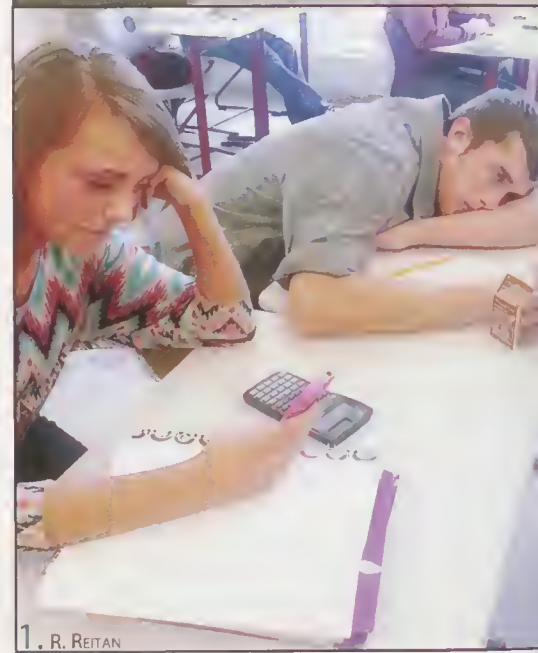


In senior Economics, the students worked with a partner on a project where they made up their own business. The expectations of the project covered everything from employee's work hours and salaries to advertisement and open worker positions.

"This project was really helpful and I learned a lot. It was very enjoyable for me," senior *Karlie McCoullough* said.

Pray for Boston

Matt Wegman (11) had a personal connection to the Boston Marathon tragedy. His own aunt participated in the marathon, and although she was physically unaffected, it can make someone realize that things far away can really hit close to home. "I didn't know what was happening with my family and I was really scared," Wegman said.



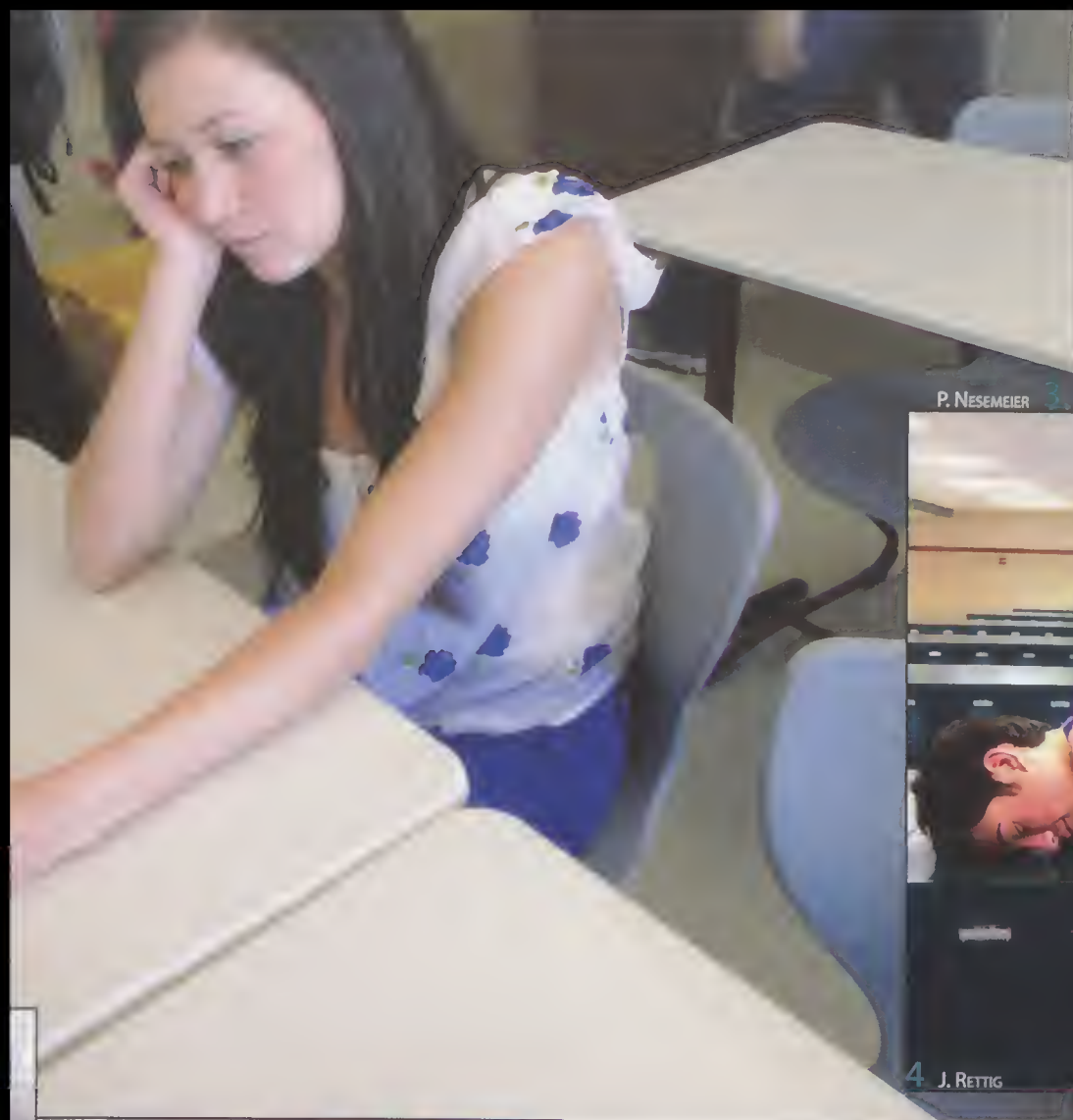
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Weather Or

As the weather changes, so does the fashion. But with Mother Nature being so indecisive about whether it's spring or winter, trends are mixing. This winter combat boots and oversized sweaters were the leading style. But as spring approached, it looked like strappy sandals and flowy shirts were the new thing.





⇒ 3. After being assigned homework in Pre-Calculus, *Hannah Montemayer* (12) pushes it aside to look at her phone. "I've already been accepted into college, so I feel like the rest of this year doesn't matter. I don't feel like doing any more work and I sleep a lot," Montemayer said.

⇒ 4. *Nick Kujawski* (12) sleeps on top of the locker bay for a break from his class. "Senioritis makes me go home and figure out all different ways to not do my homework," Kujawski said.



⇒ 1. *Sloane Alexander* (12) and *Braxton Rice* (12) sit on their phones while Pre Cal work is waiting to be done. "Senioritis started for me the day we came back from Winter Break," Rice said. "After winter break, in a way I just gave up."

⇒ 2. While standing in the hallways, *Austin Cundiff* (12) rips up his math homework. Senioritis has hit the school hard and schoolwork is being put on the back burner to the summer plans.

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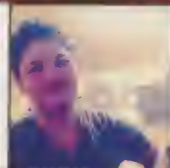
Junior *Ben Miller* spent his younger days growing up in the heart of the Windy City, spending days looking at the graffiti on Metro. His fascination with what most people perceived as vandalism, soon turned into what he saw as his inspiration.

"I sat back and observed my dad draw since I was seven years old. I finally picked up a pen and started," Miller said.

Through the encouragement of friends and the creation of his Instagram, his fan base and strive to create more has only excelled.

"I usually draw to relieve my stress during school but then I started decorating Toms with sharpies," he said.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



Got Art?

A local women's sorority, Tri Kappa, hosted an art show at the Media Center for the Advanced Art classes in the school: AP Studio Art, Drawing, Painting, Digital Communications, and Ceramics. There were a total of 22 awards given out; one being a scholarship to a senior art student.

Lauren Nagy (12) won both the *Best of Show* award and the Scholarship from Tri Kappa.



"Getting both of the awards was really overwhelming and I was honored because all my hard work since freshman year paid off. I couldn't believe I got one award let alone both."

-*Lauren Nagy*

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Once Upon a Time

Prom was especially early this year due to AP testing, but students didn't let the stress take away from the night

Ears pounding, bass booming, and sequins sparkling are all characteristics of the most anticipated party of the school year: prom. It is the kick-off to the end of the school year, sparking a fire in students to push through the stress of finals and AP exams.

"Prom is a mental break from the hard work of high school," junior *Racheal Bukowski* said.

The theme of prom was Once Upon a Time, and even if just for a night, students were left feeling royal. "It made me feel as if I was a princess," junior *Ashley Stolte* said, "I just felt so great."

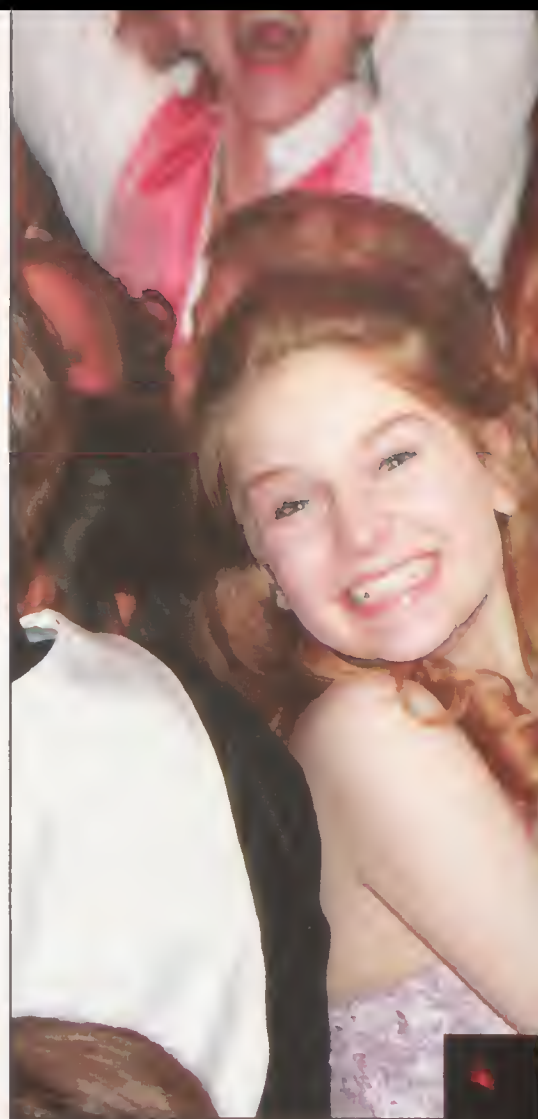
The true royalty of the dance were prom queen *Mackenzie Westgate* and prom king *Alex Nickla*, who thoroughly enjoyed their time as the VIPs of the school. "I loved being with my friends and dancing with them for the last time together," Westgate said.

Prom may have been a nerve-racking situation for some students who were unfamiliar with the atmosphere, such was the case for sophomore *Jackie VanDerWey*. "I was a little scared I would trip and fall during the grand march," VanDerWey said. However, others remained more calm and collected. "It's such a care free atmosphere and you forget about all of your worries," senior *Abby Elston* said.

The dance seems to be an integral part of the year for most upperclassmen. "I think it is something every teenager needs to experience whether you're going with a date or a group of friends," Bukowski said.

To the students, prom was more than just dinner and rave music. It was an unforgettable night full of excitement and memories that will last a lifetime.

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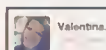


SNAPSHOTTING MEMORIES

Students struck poses at a free photo booth session at prom where they were offered funny props



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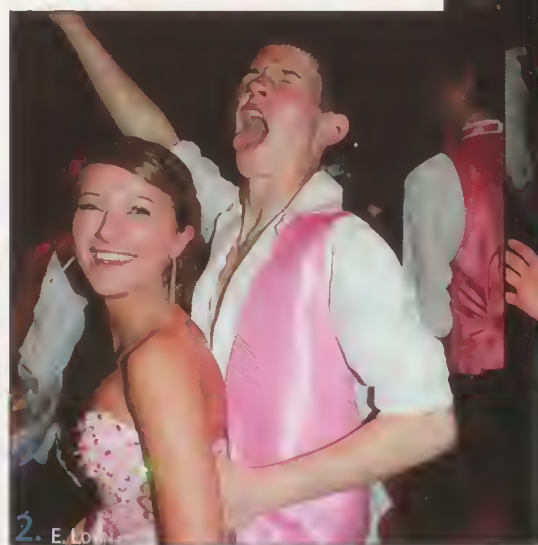


When I was ten years old I decided that I wanted to go to the US to go to Prom. I guess I am a lucky girl.

Italian foreign exchange student *Valentina Cioni* (12) attended her first prom in

America this year. "Prom was better than I thought it would be," Cioni said. "The best part was being with my friends all night, from pictures all the way to the dance and then going to Chicago the next day."

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR



A Sticky Situation

Every girl dreams about the dress they will wear to their first prom.

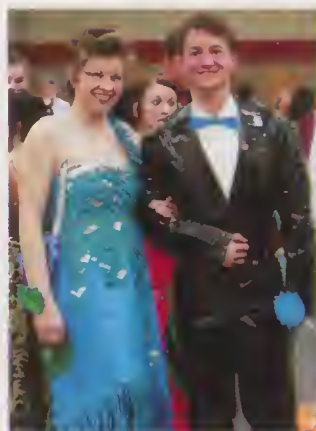
Junior *Grace Wylie* dreamed a little more, by dreaming up the entire dress herself. Not only did Wylie make her prom dress but she also created her date's (junior *Michael Keller's*), tuxedo, solely out of duct tape.

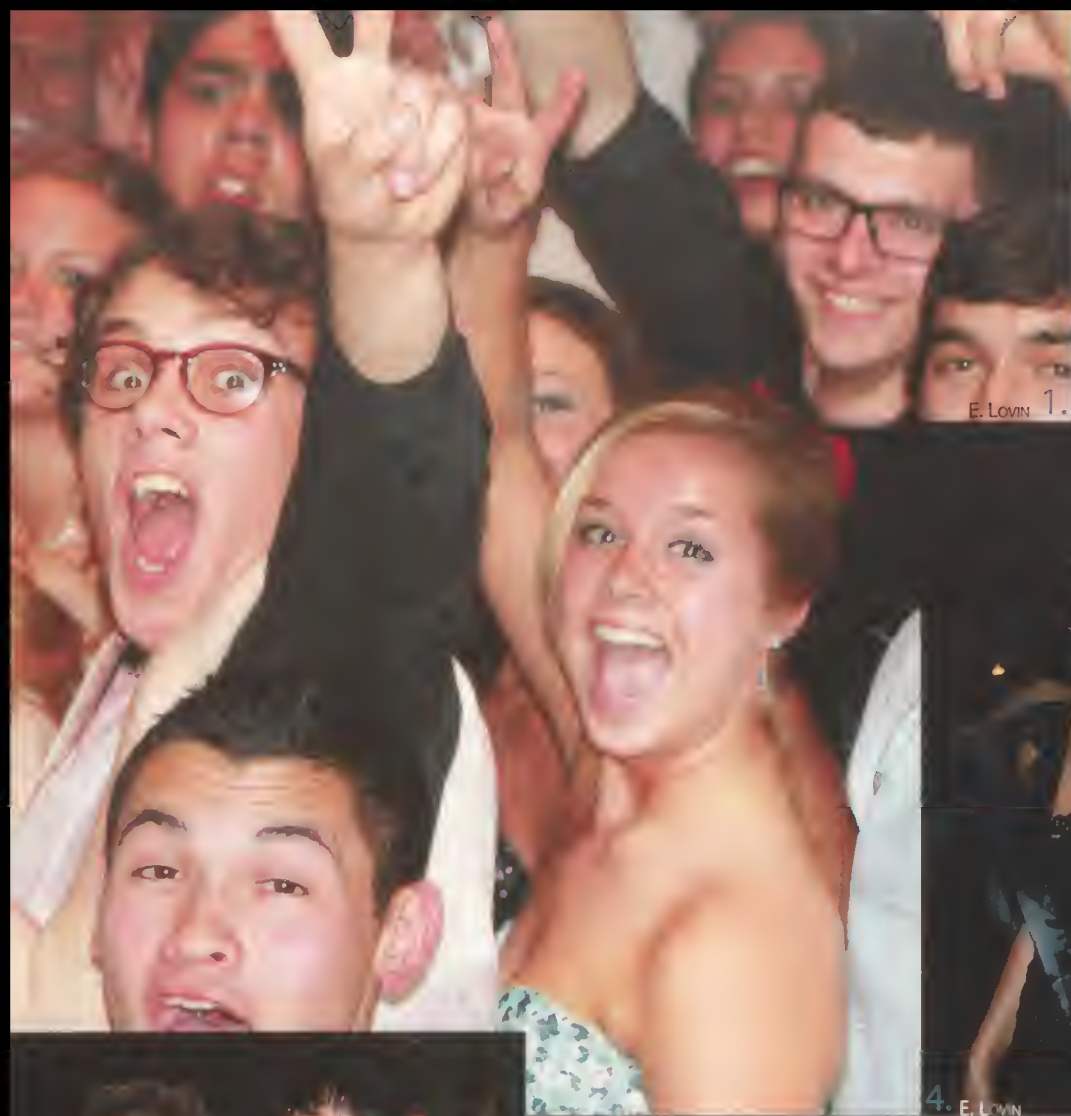
"It wasn't comfortable but it fit

me perfectly," Wylie said. "His suit fit him as well but he could not sit so he had to lay down in the car on the way to prom."

The dress not only got a huge reaction from the crowd at the grand march, but also earned a reaction from colleges as she could then be considered for a creative scholarship.

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR





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⇒ 1. Having a good time, *Maggie Gelon* (11) dances with her date *Dylan Taylor* (11). "Prom was a blast, I'll remember that day forever," Gelon said. "I just loved having a good time with my friends."

⇒ 4. Prom queen *Mackenzie Westgate* (12) laughs with her king *Alex Nickla* (12). "I was really surprised when I won," Westgate said. "I was just really glad to be able to spend the time with Alex."



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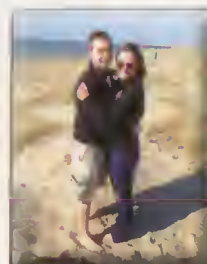


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⇒ 2. *Jack Vinovich* (11) has a great time while dancing with his date *Madalyn Brownlee* (10). "Of course I loved dancing," Vinovich said. "Just being with my friends was the best part."

⇒ 3. *Julia Thorn* (10) and *Ryan Kelleher* (11) take a break from dancing to pose for a picture. "Prom was a wonderful experience," Thorn said. "I had such a good time going with my boyfriend." Julia took time off from dancing ballet to dancing with her friends and date.

OH, THE PLACES You'll Go



Haley Olenik (11)



Lauren Murphy (12)



Alyssa Alvarez (11)



Natalie Groff (11)



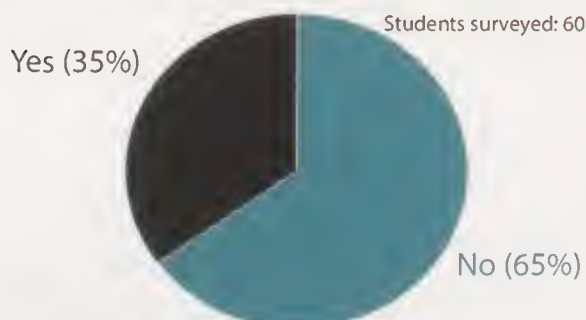
Alexis Hesser (12)

Not only is the dance itself a huge occasion, but the day after activities are just as important. Due to the dance being so early this year, the popular trip to Great America was out of the question.

Some did day trips while others spent the entire weekend together. Even though the weather didn't agree, students made the most out of their weekend.

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR

- ⇒ 1. Hands on hips, *Lauryn Adams* (10) dances for Riley's. "I loved seeing everyone dance together and raise money for a good cause," Adams said. Adams attended last year and knew it would be just as fun this year.
- ⇒ 2. Making a heart with her hands, *Madi McGuckin* (11) participates in a group dance. McGuckin is in Student Council, so she helped organized the marathon. "Even if I wasn't part of Student Council, I would've attended the marathon anyway," McGuckin said.



Students were surveyed to see how many took part in The Day of Silence.

The Day Of Silence



- ⇒ 3. While *Olivia Pierce*, a Riley's patient, freestyle dances in the middle of the circle, *Kristen Cunanan* (10) pulls off her own moves in the perimeter. "It felt good knowing that I was helping other people and just dancing," Cunanan said.



Set Up for College

Senior *Emma Ogden* signed to Quinnipiac University for volleyball. "I had to choose between many colleges, but once I went to Quinnipiac's campus, it wasn't a hard decision," said Ogden. She is going there on an athletic and academic scholarship because she has been playing since she was 11 and had been very dedicated. "It became a lifestyle for me; I couldn't imagine not playing it."

Dance EVOLUTION

Students decide to make an effort to support Riley's Children's Hospital in curing illnesses

Student Council has held the Dance Marathon for the past two years so students and patients from Riley's Children's Hospital could gather together to raise money for charity. Students danced along to the music to a pre-choreographed dance to show support for those who can't.

Junior *Abdiel Valerio* and senior *Cameron Shamble* teamed up and put on a show for the audience.

"I really enjoyed myself out there," Valerio said. "Not only did I get to support a great cause but I got to support them doing what I love – dancing."

They went out to the dance floor, making a split-second decision to perform.

"We got out there and did our own thing," Shamble said. "We free-styled the whole performance and overall I believe we did a pretty decent job."

The dancing-duo had made other appearances for example, the school dances.

"It was a great opportunity to dance with Cameron," Valerio said. "I would love to dance again for the next Dance Marathon, but I wish Cameron could attend with me as well."

Junior *Shannon Rostin* also joined all of her friends at dance marathon after school.

"Being there (at the marathon) was really fun," Rostin said. "It was wonderful to be with all of my friends but I also got to support an amazing cause."

The students who participated in the event danced for over a total of six hours. They were joined by *Olivia Pierce*, a Riley's patient, who shared her story and about how Riley's has helped her.

Student Council raised about \$2,000 for Riley's Children's Hospital with nearly 100 students attending the fundraiser. The Crown Point Community Foundation helped the effort by donating an additional \$1,200.

STORY BY AALYHA SENEVONGSA



⇒ 4. *Hannah Maxwell* (11) struts her stuff for a great cause. "I loved being part of the Riley's cause and hearing the Riley families' stories," Maxwell said. "I love being part of a community that supports such a great foundation."



⇒ 5. *Anna Thill* (9) finds herself dancing in the crowd. Originally, Thill went to the Dance Marathon to take photos for photojournalism, but later decided she would stay and dance for a while. "I stayed because I loved the way everyone was interacting with each other," Thill said.

Students weigh their favorite and least favorite parts of the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Best Part:

"I loved seeing how many people in our class were able to succeed to this level and achieve such a high honor."

-*Rachael Bokota* (11)

Worst Part:

"The worst part was when I was the next one up to walk across the stage and get inducted. I was so scared I was going to trip."

-*Stephen Jeffers* (11)

How do you know that it's *Spring?*



"When the trees are finally blooming and it gets warmer outside."
-Austin Thomas



"When the birds are out and chirping."
-Makayla Koon



"When those pear trees with the white flowers that stink bloom. I can smell them when I'm running."
-Travis Kucic

⇒ 1. *Steven Moeller* (11) plays the saxophone for background music during the ceremony. "It's exciting because I get to show my parents and the community how hard I've worked," Moeller said.

⇒ 2. *Megan Cantu* (12) takes her final walk past the administrators as they congratulate and thank her for the hard work she did throughout high school. "I thought it was really cool how they honored the top 10 percent this year, it makes it more inclusive and reachable," Cantu said.



Earning Their Wings

The Roots and Wings ceremony recognizes the hard work and determination of the top ten percent of the senior class

Walking across the brightly lit stage on that very June night is an accomplishment within itself. But being able to wear the gold cord on graduation night excels the unforgettable experience as a time to celebrate the hard work that it took to obtain it.

On Sunday, April 28, a ceremony was held to honor Roots and Wings, the top 10 percent of the senior class. Here, the school administrators and superintendent presented these privileged students with their presentation of honor and gold cord to wear on June 11.

"It feels so great to get recognition for our hard work that we've put forth throughout high school," senior *Ashley Jones* said.

In previous years, the Roots and Wings ceremony was held only for the top ten students of the class. "This year we wanted to recognize not only the

top ten students, but top 10 percent of students as well," sponsor *Karen Rodd* said. To keep some past traditions, the top ten students presented a speech for their teacher of choice, in addition to having them in attendance of the ceremony as their guest of honor.

Beginning as a freshman, these Honorees focused ruthlessly on their academics and grade point averages. Their hard work and determination were not only honored at the Roots and Wings ceremony, but as they put on the special cord for their last moments in high school as they walked across the stage to start their future.

"Start as early as you can so you can be in the right mind set," senior *Nicholas Kujawski* said. "It's definitely worth it."

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

"Good parents give their children *roots* and wings.

Roots to know where *home* is, wings to *fly* away and exercise what's been

taught them."
Jonas Salk



⇒ 4. Valedictorian *Brandi Collins* shakes superintendant Dr. Eineman's hand as she receives her gold cord. "After four years of AP and honors classes, it was nice to have my work recognized," Collins said. "I always try to do my best in my life and it really pays off."

⇒ 5. *Sam Beishuizen* (12), flashes a smile after accepting his achievement from the administrators. "You only live once and during that one time I knew that four years of hard work was paying off because I was getting a cord," Beishuizen said.



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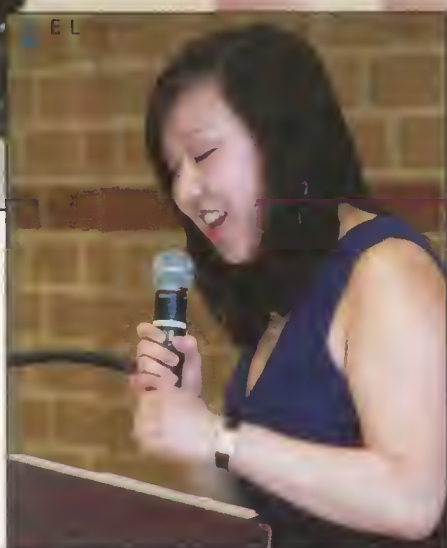
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WHAT'S A YEARBOOK PRODUCTION NIGHT?

1. Work on deadlines and top priorities first. Staffers get all the important business out of the way: quotes, stories, designs

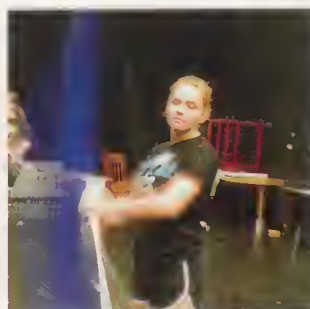
2. Devour the crazy amounts of food that staffers bring. By the end of the night, most of it is gone

3. Hang out with the staff, play games, watch the *Breakfast Club* or the latest sports game



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3. "It was a lot of fun, and it was nice being able to speak and listen to everyone else's letters. To those who hope to participate someday, I would say give it your all and never give up, because, although the road is tough, it's definitely worth it in the end," *Rayne Kim* (12) said.



SPINNING SEASON

After an amazing record-breaking season for the color guard team, it's time to start again. Call-outs to join the team were April 25 and 30. There was an impressive turn-out, the team upgrading from 17 people to 32. Practice started right away, teaching basics and a simple try-out routine. "I love guard so far," freshman *Sarah Maxham* said. "It's really fun and I get to meet new people." Having time to practice on top of a social life, however, is an entirely different matter. "Know your limits. I have two jobs: flying lessons and guard. You need to be able to know yourself and what you can cope with," junior *Annie Swanson* said.



STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD

The Final Touches

CPHS VEX Robotics (The Underdogs) dominate their season as they make their fourth world showing

Robot parts, screw turning, and spare electronics were a common sight at the VEX Robotics "Underdog" meetings. The dogs made their big debut at the World Championship for Robotics, where they took a remarkable 66th place. The team received a total of nine awards including Major Great Lakes-Midwest-Illinois State Championship.

"It always seems the students rise to the challenge in designing, building, programming, and competing, and all that, in spite of me," Industrial Technology teacher/VEX leader *Mark Querry* said. "It is nice to give what guidance and expertise I have and see students jump right in and accomplish a task."

VEX Robotics was composed of four sub teams, with three teams reaching the qualifying round to go to the National Tournament. One of these teams surpassed

expectations and competed in the World Competition, making it the fourth year in a row a VEX Robotics team has qualified for both National and World events. This makes the CPHS Underdogs one of the top two Robotic Schools in Indiana.

"Robotics gives students the chance to apply all that knowledge they have ingested from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and it is a complete joy to see how advanced these students are," Querry said.

The team has traveled as far as Anaheim, California, where they made their fourth World appearance. "I tell my students to go out and have fun. Just do the best you can at what you love," Querry said.

The CPHS VEX Robotics Team 1233 Underdogs plan to keep on dominating, meeting throughout the year, where they make their schematics for future designs.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



Returning to the Nest

Students respond to the return of the ducks for the third year



Spring is known to be the time of rebirth. For Crown Point students, it's a time to see if the ducks are going to return to the courtyard.

"It made me so happy to see the ducks. For me it was a sign that summer was coming," senior *Ashley Jones* said.

The 12 ducklings hatched in the courtyard in the first few days of May and stayed for about a week before they were moved to a new home.

"I was so sad to see that the ducks were no longer in the courtyard.

I looked forward to seeing them grow and eventually learn to fly away," senior *Alexis Hesser* said.



The Hype of AP Testing Week

With May being the time for AP testing, many may feel overwhelmed with all the preparation that goes into taking these tests, especially if their tests are over more rigorous courses.

"The hardest part of the test was probably recalling all of the information we learned throughout the year," Sophomore *Brennen Chaussey* said, who is enrolled in AP Chemistry and AP U.S. History. "I got prepared for the AP test by reviewing all the general material from both of my classes."

"After taking the AP Chem test, I felt relieved that I got it over with; I think I did very well on it, I wasn't worried for it but the stress of the AP test itself was scary to think about," Chaussey said.



How Do You Stay Focused During the Summer?

I just have to reinforce myself and remind myself of the overall goals I have for myself even though it's the last quarter; it's no excuse to slack off. TV is definitely the most distracting thing for me, especially when sports are on.

- Paul Dawley (9)

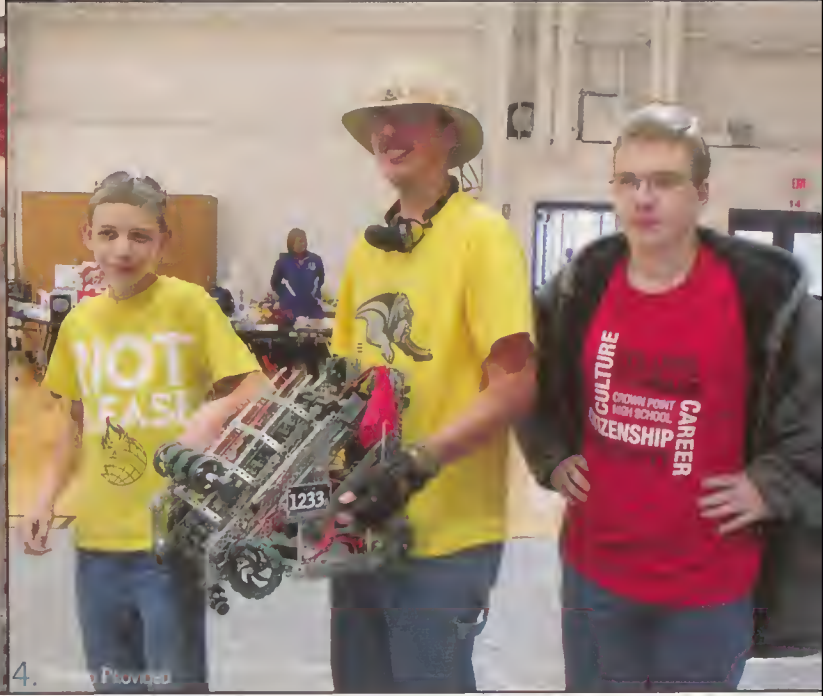
You just got to commit to a certain type of study regimen and set time aside for yourself. My phone is the most distracting while I'm studying especially with social networking and friends trying to contact me.

- Brenton Yeager (12)



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⇒ 3. *Chris Greinke* (9) repairs a robot during a VEX team meeting. "I enjoy vex a lot. I like the creativity, the workmanship, and the people that are in it. It's a great way to start something new," Greinke said. Greinke planned to be a member of VEX for the following three years.
 ⇒ 4. *Eddie Biggart* (9), *Ben Haczynki* (11) and *Chris Greinke* (9) pose with their VEX robot at a robotics competition. "I like being a member of the VEX team because it is all about teamwork. I love building the robots," Biggart said. The VEX team has won multiple world championships over the years.



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⇒ 1. *Nolan Gold* (10) tests out a robot during a VEX meeting. "VEX is always very fun with all my friends and the accomplished feeling you get after finishing your project," Gold said. Gold was interested in the field of engineering and was inspired by his VEX coach, Mr. Query.

⇒ 2. *Jimmy Herron* (11) drives a robot in a VEX match with *Justin Hayden* (10). "I like VEX because it is a creative, fun way to build and design robots," Hayden said. Hayden enjoyed competing in VEX competitions and having a chance to go to the world VEX competition.

Crown Point High School was chosen as one of the top 2,000 best schools in the nation by Newsweek. The rankings were based upon those who were dominant in preparing their students for college which was proven by remarkable test scores. These ranking focused around six components: graduation rate, college acceptance rate, average SAT/ACT scores, AP tests taken per student, average AP scores, and the overall percent of students enrolled in at least one AP course. Crown Point was one of two local high schools (Munster High school) that were chosen to be within the top.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN

One For the Books



Every year, the Inklings and Excalibur staff and its members are recognized for their accomplishments throughout the school year. There are awards given and an induction ceremony for the students taking part of Quill and Scroll. For Quill and Scroll, the members that are seniors receive a gold and blue cord to wear at graduation. But, there were requirements to this.

To get inducted into Quill and Scroll, students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior. They also have to have held a B grade average or be the upper third of their class, and to show that they were part of a school media staff. Senior *Amanda Gilbert* was a student inducted and received a cord. "It's a good feeling knowing that all my years on yearbook and all of my hard work paid off," Gilbert said.

At the banquet, students were also acknowledged for their hard work and dedication they put to end up with a great publication.

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS



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Singing in the Season

As the cold weather begins to fade, choir students welcome in the season as they perform the annual spring sing

With the room filled with enthusiasm, voices could be heard ringing all through the auditorium. For some students, singing and performing was a passion. With Spring Sing being the final concert of the school year, all choir classes were able to come together to sing, dance, and show off what they had been practicing for months. Spring Sing allowed students to take the opportunity to go on stage and show off the talent they have been perfecting.

"I've been in choir since sixth grade so it was really cool to perform at the Spring Sing," freshman *Richelle Bellman* said. "My favorite part was the choreography because I helped with it, but I also loved singing the songs."

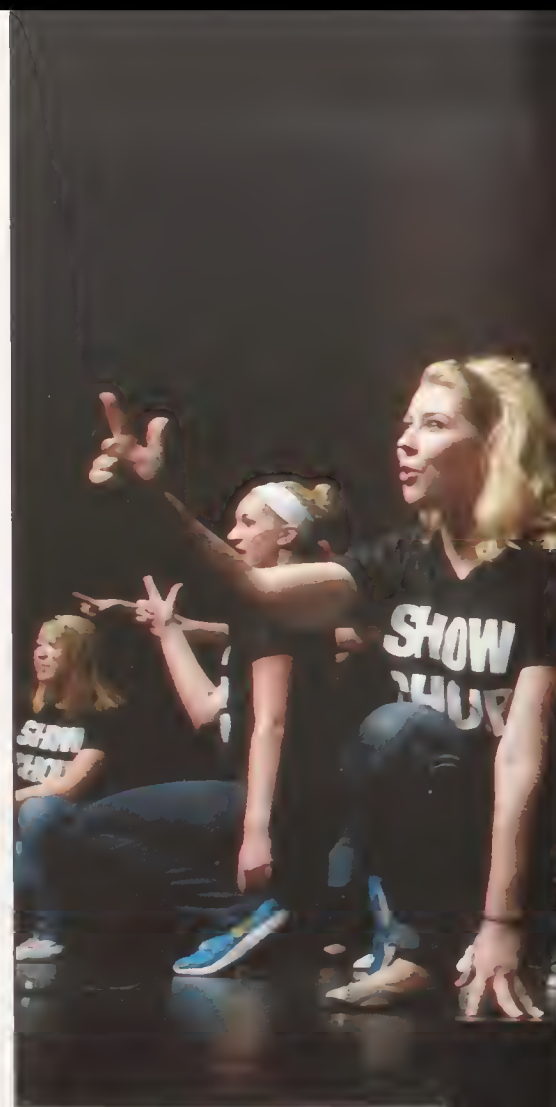
For some, Spring Sing was the last concert of the school year, but for others it was the last concert of their high school

career. "My best friend and I were standing right next to each other when we were signing the last song," senior *Amanda Byk* said. "We have been in choir for the last four years together, and it was a really emotional time."

Other students who participated in Spring Sing had yet to experience being part of the choir. "I worked really hard to be in the spring sing for the first time this year," freshman *Hannah Cohs* said. "It was our last concert and was the most fun concert of the year."

Spring Sing is a fun time for choir students because it allows them to show off what they had been working on all year. It is an opportunity to let them show off their talent and what they do best.

STORY BY RYLEE BALLARD & SHELBY MCCUAN



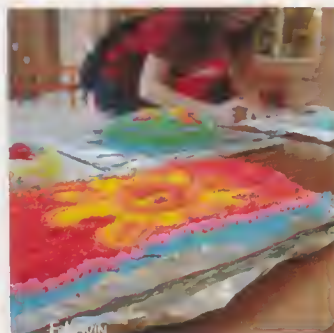
AP STUDENTS were startled when a sudden screech rang out during their incredibly important AP U.S. History exam. This screech was the fire alarm, which was accidentally set off in the cafeteria.

"It scared me so much I threw my pencil in the air," *Deonna Kostides* (11) said. "It was incredibly silent while we were all testing, and then all of a sudden a blaring noise rang throughout the school. It really shook us. We were in the middle of writing a timed essay, when the fire alarm was set off. I was really nervous it might get voided. We were already halfway done and I really didn't want to do it over again," Kostides said.

Luckily, the test wasn't voided, and the students did not have to go through the stress of taking another AP test again.



A Little FROSTING Never Hurts



Foods Class students put their knowledge to the test with the annual cake decorating competition.

"We worked for weeks on different techniques, but it was worth it to be able to express autism in an out-of-the-ordinary way."

— Junior *Alyssa Cafarella*





⇒ 3. *Mallorie Krucina* (10) points to the crowd during one of the choreographed dances. "Spring Sing is honestly my favorite concert of the year," Krucina said. "I love how it gets everyone out of their comfort zone, especially the guys."

⇒ 4. In routine of "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" *Chelsey Stinnett* (10) shows off her dance skills. "Show Choir is a great place to relax, have fun, and do things I love with good company," Stinnett said. Stinnett plans to be a part of Show Choir all four years of her high school career.

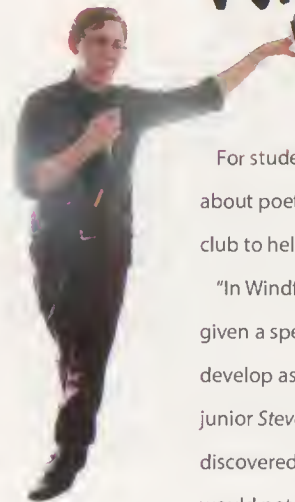


⇒ 1. *Katie Fenn* (12) performs her senior solo. "I sang 'Drama Queen' by Lindsay Lohan, the girl you love to hate. I sang it because it perfectly depicted my mentality," Fenn said. "I am many things and a drama queen is one of them."

⇒ 2. *Jordan Tromp* (12) performs his last solo as a senior after being apart of Show Choir for several years "I sang we are alive by Emarosa," Tromp said. "Vocalist Jonny Craig has gone through a lot of hard times in his life, and the last song he sang with the band live was that song, so I figured I would do the same since he was such an inspiration to me."

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Wise Words



For students who are passionate about poetry, Windfall is a great club to help them grow.

"In Windfall, young writers are given a spectacular outlet to develop as writers and people," junior *Steve Bazin* said. "I've discovered styles of poetry that I would not have ordinarily used to compose poems. It really helped me grow as a writer."

Windfall members met weekly to share the works of poetry that they had composed throughout the week.

TESTING TAKES OVER



Testing had taken over as the school year comes to an end. Numerous classes were asked to leave their rooms and temporarily relocate to the cafeteria for a replacement study hall. "I think [the testing] is a profound opportunity to extend the education in this world of ours," freshman *Jordan Al-Nimri* said. However, not everyone found the testing in such a positive light. "I think it's isn't a good idea because students lose valuable class time," junior *Hannah Mills* said. "They should have the tests at a different time like after school or on the weekend so that it doesn't interfere with the schedule."

⇒ 1. The group poses for a picture minutes before they take the stage. "The best part of improv was having fun with our friends," *Kyle Thompson* (10) said. The group was very close, got along very well and loved goofing off together.

⇒ 2. *Montana Haywood* (11) and *Graeme Thompson* (12) play a scene called "Last Man Standing." Haywood was directed to "dance dip" someone every time they asked a question. "Even if the audience was laughing at me, I didn't even care; it was still fun," Thompson said.



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For the Love of Science

⇒ 3. *Molly Grace* (12) and *Jacquelyn Rettig* (10) play a scene called "Rumor Mill." The point of the game was for the actors to play a virtual game of Chinese Telephone. "I honestly don't know what I was doing in that scene. I was just trying to be as ridiculous as I could," Rettig said.

⇒ 4. *Shannon Rostin* (11) and audience member *Collin Smith* (11) get creative in their scene. "Walking on stage and being able to feel the energy of the crowd gave me so much adrenaline and confidence," Rostin said. "I loved knowing that I made people laugh."



Students took part in the AP Biology pig dissection to learn the body system of the pig. Senior *Justin Maupin* cut with precision to learn about the body system of the pig. Although it may have been a new experience for some students, it was a beneficial way of learning.

Full RIDE



Seniors *Nick Langbehn* and *Kaylee Clark* were given full ride scholarships for their accomplishments and dedication. They were randomly selected out of a pool of carefully selected qualifiers and were very appreciative to be granted such fortune.

"I was in complete shock, I didn't see it coming in any way. My heart skipped



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a beat out of pure disbelief. The brief moment when I got accepted will be a moment of pure joy and excitement that I will never forget. It was truly an incredible moment not only for me, but for my friends and family as well," Langbehn said.

Picking a college can be tricky because of finances, and it may limit someone's options as to which college they actually want to go to.

"I was confined to going to a community college because of my financial situation, but when I got offered that scholarship it opened so many doors. It allowed me to go to any in-state school, so I'm going to Ball State, my dream school," Clark said.

Helping Out the Doghouse

The Stray Dogs Improv Comedy Club shows that putting on a show for others results in more than just laughs from the crowd

The Stray Dogs Improv Comedy Club was a group of students who put on comedy shows for charity. Improvisational acting is where the actors go on stage and make up a scene on a whim. The scenes are games that all have different rules.

"My favorite game is remote control where you get a scene and the director controls it like a remote by calling out commands such as rewind or slow motion," sophomore *Kyle Thompson* said.

Although improv seems like all fun and games, it can be very stressful. Director Don Bernacky had the kids star in a short film about a romantic prom called, "The Rights of Spring." The kids put in many hours, but junior *Stephen Jeffirs* managed to make it into a masterpiece.

Improv was exhilarating and making people laugh was the best part.

"Hearing the audience laugh is the greatest feeling. Knowing that you made those people happy," sophomore *Jesse Fawley* said.

"The worst thing though is having a bad scene. You don't have any time to prepare so it can go bad sometimes," senior *Graeme Thompson* said.

The troupe is not only a group of funny people, but they're a group of great friends.

"I've grown really close with the kids this past year and I love calling them my friends," Jeffirs said. The group hung out beyond Improv and they found some of their closest friends through it. Friends that laugh together really do unite.

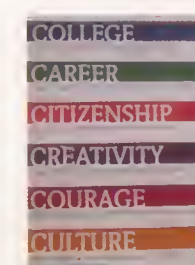
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⇒ 5. Ashley Curtis (12) and Stephen Jeffirs (11) get absorbed into their scene. "The best part of being on stage is losing myself in some ridiculous character and an even more ridiculous scene," Jeffirs said.

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Five lucky students from each grade were randomly selected to obtain prizes for having a C note. Students were able to get a C note for college, career, citizenship, creativity, courage or culture.

"I was really surprised when I was announced for winning a 32 inch LED TV. I didn't see it coming, and I am really appreciative," junior *Kyle Kaylor* said. Kaylor was one of the twenty students to win prizes such as an iPad mini, a kindle fire HD, a Bluetooth speaker and a Fit Bit Activity Tracker.

Making Memories

Taking a day off school, many physics students got to enjoy a day in the sun at the Six Flags theme park.

"It was a lot of fun; we got to see how physics applies to roller coasters while we got to enjoy them," junior *Emily Zarate* said.



Who got What

Seniors attended brunch to receive their superlative certificates and a few were randomly selected for a prize.



"I feel appreciated. I think all my accomplishments made an impact on me being best athlete."

-Sarah Rivich

"When I wake up, I just put on what I feel for that day."

-Jacob Voss



"I was shocked when they called my name. I couldn't stop laughing but I thought it was totally fitting."

-Kelsey Lennon

"I could talk to and be friends with anybody; I know almost everyone in this room."

-Jimmy Burk



⇒ 1. Sam Beishuizen (12) reads the list of prizes given out to the randomly-selected winners. "I didn't win anything and I was bitter," Beishuizen said.

⇒ 2. Katie Fenn (12) holds up a bacon mustache at the senior brunch. "I'm bacon to get out of here," Fenn said. Fenn was nominated most musical, most likely to be famous and most dramatic.



The Last Breakfast

Students gather on the last day of school to enjoy themselves for one last meal together

The senior brunch was a time for reminiscing for most seniors on the last day of school. "It was the last time we got to chill with friends inside the school," senior Asa Villaseñor said, "It was like a last hoorah," senior Austin Cundiff said. Students also recieved their 'senior superlatives' at the senior brunch.

"I loved getting our awards; I got a really sick award, Most Likely to Become Famous," Villaseñor said. "The awards were really spot on," senior Christine Walsh said. "I won most likely to be president," Cundiff said, "You could say I campaigned

for it. I do have an interest in getting into politics, and eventually I hope to become a senator." While the awards were rather accurate, the spotlight was foreign on some.

"I won Best Smile and Best Eyes, and it was really embarassing to be up there in front of everyone," Walsh said, "It was definitely really nice to win, but it was really fun to see everyone else get their awards too."

Overall, the brunch was the last big event for seniors before graduation and for the most part, students enjoyed the final gathering.



⇒ 3. Sarah Rivich (12) sits with her friend Ashley Matthews (12) and shares memories after eating. "Seeing my class for one of the last times was bittersweet," Matthews said. "The senior brunch was a great opportunity to hang out one last time."

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT



⇒ 4. Admiring her certificate, *Kat Keller* (12) smiles. Keller was nominated most artistic. "I'm really surprised; I didn't know our class noticed student art," Keller said.

⇒ 3. *Asa Villasenor* (12) and *Kramer Keilman* (12) both admire their certificates of the title class clown. "I'm really proud of my achievements and I'm glad to be recognized by my peers," Keilman said.



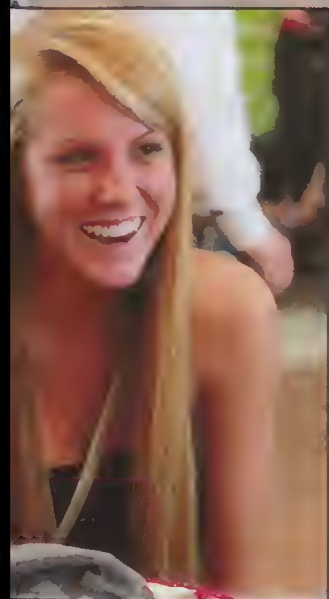
STUDENT UNION

"Being a part of Student Union was a great experience," senior *Gianna Johnson* said. "I met new people and made a difference while doing so."



The ROAD Less Traveled By

On the seniors' last day, *Tim Claus* took the road less traveled to school. "There were a lot of people honking at me, but I was just trying to get to school," Claus said. He drove his boss's tractor from Kregel's Pumpkin Patch in Lowell. "I was afraid it was going to rain; I didn't want to drive home for a half hour in bad weather," said Claus.



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PAUL DAWLEY (9)

MATT MULLER (9)



PAUL STEPHENSON (10)



HANNAH LUTTER (10)

MADI MCGUCKIN (11)



MARISSA DARNELL (10)



BETH MILLER (11)

SHANNON RICE (11)

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Students band together for a few nights of fun and games, but also end up helping great causes

"I loved seeing the looks on everyone's face once they saw how much money we raised," senior and Student Council President *Alexis Hesser* said.

This is not just a bake sale, or any typical fundraiser. On April 26, students rallied in the fieldhouse for the second annual Crown Point Dance Marathon. The Student Council was in charge of putting together a fundraiser for Riley's Children's Hospital.

"Riley's specifically doesn't turn anyone away because of financial need," Hesser said, "so they need a lot of donations to make the kids comfortable, and to make sure the families have what they need."

The night was not only one of raising money, but having fun while they were at it. "I loved that we were doing it for the kids, and we even got to see some of them," sophomore *Rebecca Olesek* said, "And we were doing it for a really good reason."

The main goal of the night was then

achieved.

"The goal was really to have a good time and to get people aware of the fact that there are people younger than us who are going through terrible sicknesses, but they still have such a positive mindset," Hesser said. When the night was through, Student Council raised over 4,000 dollars for the Riley's Children's Hospital.

On April 18, another beneficial fundraiser for the NICK Foundation was packed with an energetic and quick paced group of students and teachers who gathered in the gym for the Student Teacher Olympics.

"Hula-Hooping was the best because I messed up in the beginning and made a fool out of myself, but it was tons of fun," junior *Emily Southworth* said.

Students enjoyed competing with their fellow teachers for the pure satisfaction of seeing if they could win.

"The fact that we raised money for a good cause while having a good, fun competition was the most satisfying part," senior *Brenton Yeager* said.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT & RACHEL REITAN

⇒ 1. John MacNeil (12) plays the bass in Foodstock. "Before we got on stage, there was a little bit of nervousness but I would say that more of the nervousness was just excitement," MacNeil said. MacNeil has played with two bands, Michael Take the Sky and Anything Auburn and looks forward to playing again for larger venues.

⇒ 2. Steve Bazin (11) plays electric guitar for Generation Free at Foodstock. "I thought Foodstock was awesome and I felt really comfortable on stage. It was much more than I expected it to be, we had a really diverse group of bands this year," Bazin said.



1. E. LOVIN



2. E. LOVIN



FOODSTOCK 2013

Music festival, Foodstock brings in hometown bands for a unique variety of good tunes and canned goods for the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

In 1969, America held Woodstock, '3 Days of Peace & Music' that would forever change the way music influenced society. But in 2013, Crown Point held a newer music festival in the new era for music fanatics and supporters. This one day brought together music makers, creators, lovers, and obsessions. This was Foodstock.

"Foodstock was the time to finally show everyone what we've been working for," sophomore Roman Ruiz said. Foodstock combined a mix of folk, indie, rock, pop, and rap remixes of 'Thrift Shop' to create a concert to satisfy all types of genre-specific artists. The high school bands took the stage, and amateurs were under the lights showing off hours of

hard work and practice to conquer the crowd.

While the bands shook the venue, On the Square Sports Academy, the fans lined up in their favorite indie rock t-shirts and unusual but attention-getting unicorn masks. Admission was general, but took a twist. Students that brought in two canned food items were given a discount, with all proceeds going to the Food bank of Northwest Indiana, generating the name 'Foodstock'.

Between acts, the anxious crowd was entertained with heart-stopping and ground-shaking dub step tunes, enticing the student's inner dance moves. It was a night that the fans, performers, and students of Crown Point could not forget.

"Foodstock was the time to finally show everyone what we've been working for,"

-sophomore Roman Ruiz

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



3 E. LOVIN

⇒ 3. Kylie McKee (10) and Shelby Winters (10) dance at Foodstock while wearing unicorn masks. "I liked getting to see the kids at school in the bands and I seeing how well they played," Winters said. Both girls look forward to attending Foodstock again next year.

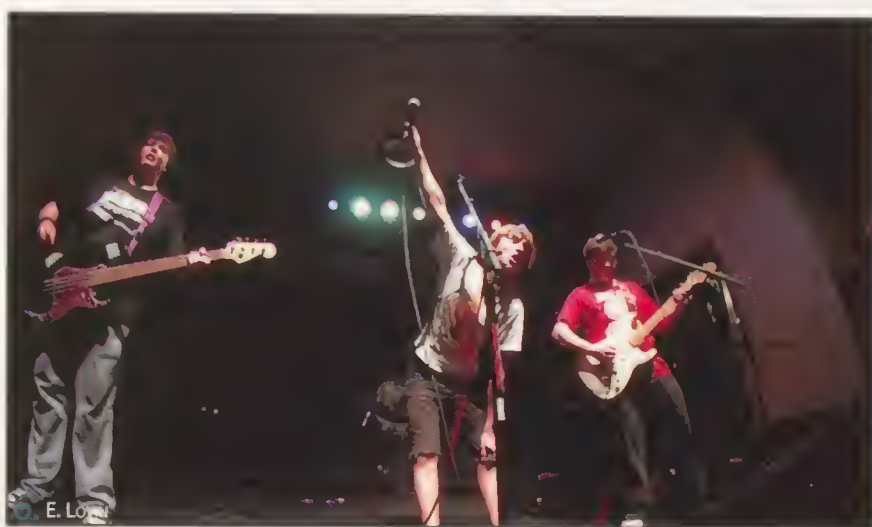


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⇒ 4. Rebecca Olesek (10) and Roman Ruiz (10) perform in Foodstock with their band, Anything Auburn. "We practiced constantly but there comes a point where you just have to get on stage. The practice paid off and the crowd reacted better than we expected," Ruiz said. Anything Auburn was founded in the Fall of 2012.

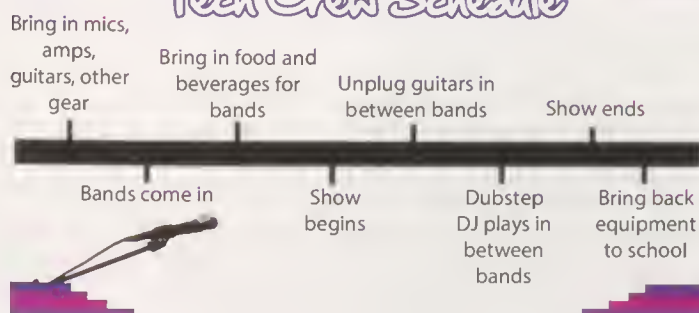
⇒ 5. Dylan Taylor (11) sings at Foodstock for the band Generation Free. "I loved playing because I like translating my musical energy into others and vice versa," Taylor said. Taylor looks forward to continuing to write songs, expanding musical horizons, and recording.

⇒ 6. Josh Andrews (11) plays guitar in the band Indy Kids at Foodstock. "It took a lot of practice, determination, and a positive attitude to play at Foodstock. Our dedication was our driving force and we just got up on stage to have fun," Andrews said. Though a majority of the band attends Lake Central, Indy Kids plans on playing at Foodstock again.



E. LOVIN

Tech Crew Schedule



What was your most memorable moment at Foodstock?



"The most memorable moment was seeing all of my friends play at Foodstock: Jordan Tromp, John MacNeil, and Roman Ruiz. I'll remember all of the fun I had,"

-Meredith Vandenberg (10)

Anything Auburn

Founded In: 2012 Indie Pop

5 members



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Michael Take the Sky

Founded In: 2011 Metal

5 members



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Indy Kids

Founded In: 2012 Pop/Punk

4 members



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Graduation Day

The day they had all been waiting for finally arrived. Seniors strolled across the Star Plaza stage signifying the conclusion of their high school careers.

Tremendous Teaching

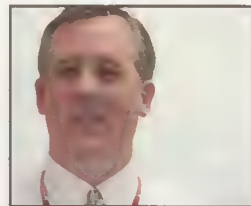


"Mr. Gloff is my favorite teacher. He was a good teacher, very optimistic. I could see that he liked what he was doing and he cared about everyone."

- Asa Villaseñor (12)

"I loved Mr. Elston because he is so crazy and energetic; you don't feel like you're learning because it's so fun. The whole atmosphere is easy going when you're learning a lot."

- Christine Walsh (12)



The End of a Journey

Students finalize their journey as Bulldogs at Crown Point High School

A 20-foot journey represents 12 years of long, hard training for adulthood for many seniors. This trip was made at the Star Plaza for graduation on Tuesday, June 11, and that is a day that went down in the books for seniors and their families.

"Do what you love, and love what you do," Jennifer Bianchi said in her commencement speech to the senior class. "Find your spark... make the connection in your life. Live a life you're proud of. It's never too late or too early to be whoever you want to be." These words struck home for many of the students in attendance.

"My favorite part of graduation was Mrs. Bianchi's speech. I thought it was really inspiring," senior Aaron Lugo said. The speeches played a major part in the commencement ceremony. "I really enjoyed everyone's speeches and realizing that we finally made it, that we did



Jennifer Bianchi

it," senior Danielle Espinoza said.

"My favorite part of graduation was the speeches from our fellow graduates. They meant a lot since they're one of us," senior Christine Walsh said. As the ceremony concluded, so did the lives of seniors as they knew it, and so began their lives as CPHS graduates. STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT

Brandi Collins (12)



Matt Mudd (12)



Joey Garcia (12)



Four Years of Friendship

"My best friend is *Hope Hobgood*. We happened to sit together randomly during lunch freshman year, and she's been my best friend throughout high school."

- *Danielle Espinoza* (12)

"She was all girly and wore a bunch of pink, but somehow our opposites worked out. As we've gone through high school we've become more alike from spending time together . . . I honestly don't know what I'd do without her now . . . Both of our families know each other really well. It's like having the sister we've never had . . . We've shared every high school experience and there's no one I would have liked to share it with more."

- *Hope Hobgood* (12)





Ben Kochert (9)

L. TITAK



Sloane Alexander (12)

L. TITAK

R. REITAN



Anthony Zervos (12)

Serving

a new season

Transitioning into the new fall season and school year proves to be a rewarding experience

As summer came to a close, the fall sports teams began to begin practicing to prepare for the upcoming season.

"It is the beginning of the school year and there is a lot of excitement that goes into the sports," junior *Andrew Hopman* said.

For Hopman, friends and his family are his motivators for the fall Football season.

"Football is the best sport of them all," Hopman said. "Fall weather is so unpredictable and it makes it even more fun."

The weather played a large factor in the fall season. The rain and thunderstorms could put a stop to games but the nice cooler weather made up for the occasional rain.

"The weather is usually pretty nice.

(The best part is that) we don't have to deal with any snow," senior *Sarah Rivich* said.

A lot of dedication and hard work goes into fall sports.

"(Football practices) are tough. Because we practice everyday and it's a contact sport. Your body wears down and get fatigued," senior *Tyler Welker* said.

In the end, the sweat and long hours the players put in they believed were worth it.

"All of the memories and being with your friends was worth it," Welker said. "We got to share all of the good and bad times. All teams have good and bad times. Good times could be after a big win and the bad when the team loses a close game or when you just get in the dog days when everyone is tired."

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING

"It's always good to get a goal on your first shift, but this game it seemed everything was going in,"
-Peter Forsberg

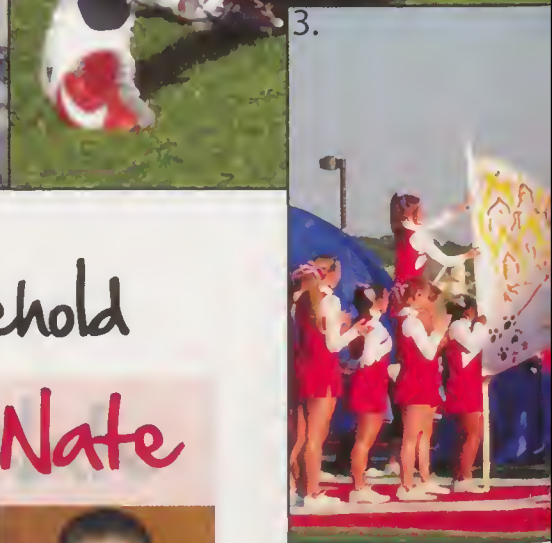
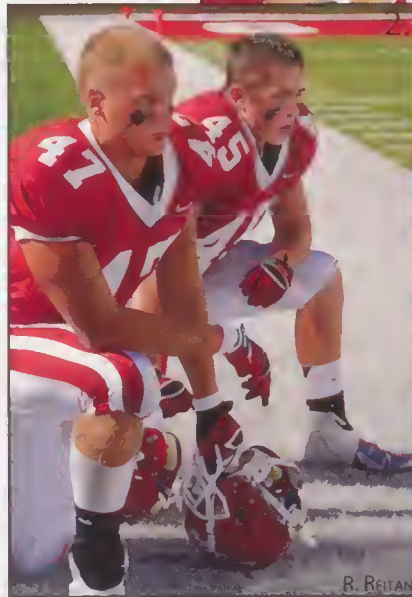
- ⇒ 1. As he shakes off the last play, quarterback *Jake Jatis* (11) gets in the zone for the next one. "I enjoy the sport and it's kind of a family activity because all of my uncles play and I want to play in college," Jatis said. This past season was his first year as fulltime starting quarterback.
- ⇒ 2. Alongside of his teammate *Brendyn McKinnon* (11), *Connor Andras* (11) takes a breather and watches the team fight for the win against Lake Central. "The physicality of the sport is my favorite part because we just beat on each other constantly," Andras said.



Destroy the Devils



"This rivalry [against Lowell] is the longest one held in Indiana and I pride myself on the fact that I play on the team that holds it. It was a great feeling to win the helmet for the third consecutive year," senior *Brandon Bernhardt* said.



Bulldog Blood in the Hanlon Household

Nick

Defensive Back 11th Grade
& Special Teams

Height: 6 ft. 1 in.

Weight: 155 lbs.

"(Nate) is a big influence for me, he's really good and he's bigger than I am, so I have to keep him from becoming stronger than me."



9th Grade

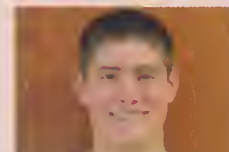
Linebacker & Tight End

Height: 6 ft.

Weight: 180 lbs.

"(Nick) has helped me out a lot. He shows me what to do, and how everything works. He has really helped me out with high school football so far."

Nate



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Shifting into Leadership

With a new principal and a new varsity football coach, the boys shift into many new things while playing the game

Along with a new school year and a new principal to warm up to, the varsity football team shifted into a slightly different coaching style. Former defensive coordinator and police officer coach *Kevin Enright* returned this season taking place of close friend and principal *Chip Pettit*. "I am extremely thrilled, yet humbled too," Enright said.

Enright seemed to fit in perfectly with the team since they all share the same passion for football and devotion to the game. He was an all-star defensive player at Morton High School and played at Butler for all four years. Senior *Braxton Rice* seems to share the same hope for his future.

"Coach will always start by yelling at us for our mistakes and then quickly change to joking with us and actually improving our mistakes," Rice said. "My goal is to play for a college team for my next four seasons."

Although the record shows a great season, there are always some bumps in

the road with more than 90 teenage boys on one team. In the end, everyone came out on top.

"We work really well as a team and we are really close with each other, but with younger kids on a team full of older, more experienced teammates, there is bound to be some troubles," sophomore *Morgan Kral* said.

Aside from the new coach and the team as a whole, every game was a little different from the last. Games such as Valparaiso or Lowell were some of the bigger games that every person including coaches needed to mentally prepare for. "We compete for a leather helmet against Lowell and the team always helps me get pumped and get my head in the game before we play," junior *Tristan Peterson* said.

The boys seemed to take the shift well considering they made it all the way to sectional finals and only lost by three points to Merrillville.

STORY BY RACHEL REITAN



R. REITAN



⇒ 3. As he starts the game off on the right foot, captain *Sean Jones* (12), busts through the banner. "The best part of the game is the beginning because we come out of the locker room energized and pumped up," Jones said. The team ended on the right foot too by beating Lowell.

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⇒ 4. *Troy Grady* (10) does a celebratory jump in the air with his teammates celebrating with him. "We are like a family and the experience and excitement of the game is the greatest feeling to have on a Friday night on the field," Grady said.

⇒ 5. While getting tackled, *Zach Plesac* (12) tries to complete the pass. "Even though it's a very hectic time, the feeling is absolutely crazy when you have the ball in your hands and running for a touchdown. It's probably the greatest feeling of the sport," Plesac said.

Football Favorites



"Starting varsity as a sophomore is a really big accomplishment for me personally. But whenever I'm not in the game, I'm always cheering my teammates on," sophomore *Mitchell Kessler* said.

"Playing in general is the best part for me. Getting on the field and being able to do whatever I can to help out the team is the best feeling for me," junior *Tommy Myers* said.



"I mainly want the team to do well; I want to be remembered as the team that did good, not just the individual person that looked good," senior captain *Anthony Geisen* said.



Motivating the Team

After being scored on, the freshman football head coach *Jacob Rodriguez* called a timeout to regroup his team in hopes of motivating them. "Motivation is a key element to having a successful team," Rodriguez said. Taking these timeouts allowed the team to "cool down," and a chance to strategize their next play. "The boys take great pride in the hard work they put in during the week. On game night we often reminded them of how hard they have pushed themselves so they can perform well on this night," Rodriguez said. The freshman team finished with a record of 5-4.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



⇒ 1. During the game against Portage, *Jake Yelich* (9) jumps up to block a pass in front of a teammate. "I was excited, since it was a tight game, we needed a big play," Yelich said.

⇒ 2. JV player, *Connor Krampen* (10) attempts to score a field goal. "I just tried to hit the ball as hard as I could. I wasn't worried about putting the ball through, I was just worried about getting it there," Krampen said.

⇒ 3. Stumbling downfield, JV player *Wess Honaker* (10) attempts to carry the ball to score a touchdown. "It was a really close game and I just wanted to win," Honaker said. With the support of his team, Honaker scored a touchdown later in the game.

Four Ways

With freshman *Artie Equihua*



Football affects your...

Social Life

"Most of my friends on the team naturally bond. We joke around but we're focused at the same time."

Free Time

"I like competing and doing sports rather than homework."

Academics

"Keeps my mind moving on and off the field. I'm mentally focused and I try to execute perfection."

Weekends

"It gives you something to do over the weekends."

Tackling All Their Difficulties

Despite the goals that the JV and freshman teams had in mind, the boys decide to break ties and come together as a team

Like every other sports team, all teammates have their differences and their similarities. When the season started, the freshman football team had problems with getting along.

"At first, we didn't work together," freshman *Jonathon Bennett* said. Between countless practices and Freshman Fridays, which consisted of a great deal of conditioning, they left their differences in the past and became a team.

"We started to work together," Bennett said.

Being a team helps with their support for each other during a rough patch on their season. Unlike last year, the JV team could not keep their unbeatable record.

Although they did not reach their goal as they did last season, they ended with great effort. Their last game of the season, against Michigan City, had a change in weather.

"The best moment was getting to play in the rain for our last game," sophomore *Jordan Richey* said.

Other teammates also had different parts of the season that they enjoyed.

"(The best moment of the season) was when *Brandon Strong*, defensive lineman, blocked the punt and picked up the ball and ran for his life," sophomore *Daniel Sanchez* said. "Just seeing him break tackles and seeing our opponent trying to bring him down was funny."

In the end, the teammates believed that after working out their differences, they came together to have an overall enjoyable season.

"What I have enjoyed most about football is becoming friends with the seniors and juniors," Richey said.

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS





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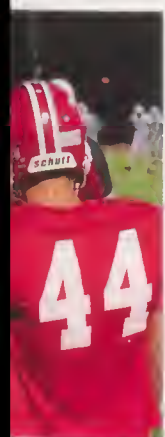


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⇒ 4. Against the Trojans, JV player Zach Perez (9) passes the ball to a fellow team member. "I was determined to get the ball to the receiver downfield," Perez said. Perez was motivated by his father who inspires him before he walks onto the field.

⇒ 5. During the third quarter of the game against Portage, freshman player Quinton Jones (9) prevents the opponent from catching the pass. "I just couldn't let them score because the game would have been a tie," Jones said. His father, who passed away last year, was Jones' motivation to work and play to the best of his abilities.



"Winning gets people excited, both watching and on the field. When you play well, you have fun."

-Freshman Chase Ferre

Playing through the Injury

The freshman football team suffered a serious blow this season after half the team was benched due to injuries. Freshman Trenton Schoenborn experienced this first hand after suffering from two concussions. Early on in the season, he acquired his first concussion. "During the game vs. La Porte, I went up for the ball, and got sandwiched in between two players," Schoenborn said. "But I don't remember exactly what happened."

After returning four days later, Schoenborn

had to make up for lost time by conditioning and recouping from his injury.

A couple weeks later during the Chesterton game, Schoenborn endured his second concussion. "I was catching a screen pass, and someone hit me head on," Schoenborn said.

Losing players due to injuries may have held the team back, but they come together and worked hard towards the same goal, overcoming every obstacle presented.

STORY BY SAM RUDER & ARIANA ANDERSON



A. ANDERSON

⇒ 1. Kara Ford (11) attempts to kick the ball away from her Merrillville opponent. "I feel like I made an accomplishment, like a positive impact on the game," Ford said. The team won the sectional game against the Pirates with a score of 4-0.

⇒ 2. Varsity girls' soccer player Taryn Spisak (11) tries to kick the ball closer to the goal. "I just think that I got to get the ball and try not to let her pass me," Spisak said. The ball ended up going out of bounds for the play.



Memorable Moments

With Senior Sarah Rivich

- 1 Making it to the Final Four
- 2 Winning the DAC and being undefeated
- 3 Winning sectionals 3 times and regionals 4 times
- 4 Being 1st team all-state
- 5 Having a great time with all the players and coaches every year

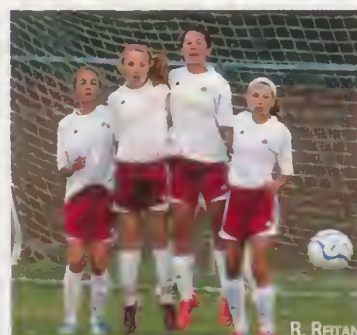


Behind the Stars

Under the main show of the varsity team, the girls' junior varsity had the same amount of determination in winning their matches.

The Lady Bulldogs looked up to their team leaders to learn new techniques and aid in their playing abilities. "We had really awesome seniors and we learned a lot of various tactics from them," sophomore Katie Johnson said.

The team motivated each other to



keep striving for a higher goal. "There aren't any cliques within our team; we are all one big family who motivates one another," Johnson said.

During the game varsity Lady Bulldogs motivated the rest of the team knowing this would be the last time the seniors would step on the field for a high school match up. The girls met their goals and more by qualifying at semi-state and going undefeated in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



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Same Goal in Mind

The girls' soccer teams stay determined to play intensely in the hopes that their seniors will have a memorable last year

Sticking to a path to achieve a goal can be bumpy along the way but the girls' soccer team accomplished what they set out to finish. They went undefeated in the DAC and were one of the first girls' soccer teams from Crown Point to compete at semi-state, which made for a dignified season.

A tremendous amount of effort must be put forth to inherit an undefeated title in the DAC. "Having to wake up at six during the summer and going 100 percent makes for a top notch performance later on in the year," junior *Paige Darnell* said. "I'm going to miss playing alongside the seniors on the field. . . we were a close team," Darnell said.

When playoff season began, the team was pushed to the limits, eventually falling shy of a state title. "My teammates and coaches motivated me to do my best . . . the amount of time

and effort we put in collectively makes me want to become that much more of a better player," senior *Rachel Marczewski* said.

Being within the top four schools for soccer is quite remarkable. "The best part of the season was the playoffs; being able to make it to the final four is unforgettable," senior *Sarah Rivich* said. "The reason we got so far was that we had chemistry that was unbreakable and that impacted the way our team played every game," Rivich said. Sticking together as a team and motivating one another allowed the girls to move further and further in the playoffs.

Every ounce of determination and effort that was put into the season led to an outstanding outcome for the girls' soccer program. "If you enjoy something, you're not going to give that up. We love soccer so the hard work was worth the effort," Rivich said.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN

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⇒ 4. *Meghan Morasan* (10) goal kicks the ball back into the field. "If I don't block a shot, I don't feel like it's on me but the entire team. It's a team thing; you win as a team and you lose as a team," Morasan said.

⇒ 5. During a game against Valparaiso, *Jenny Pudlo* (11) throws the ball back into the play when it was out of bounds. "The feeling of success and accomplishment after a game motivates me to play my best," Pudlo said. The Bulldogs held a victory against the Vikings with a close score of 2-0.

The Game By The Numbers

Number of
25 Players

Hours spent practicing
120

5 Recovered Injuries

Gallons of water consumed
200

⇒ 3. Looking out for the ball, *Maddie McConnell* (11) shoves a Kankakee Valley player out of the way. "I do it for the team; I don't want to let the team down," McConnell said. The girls ended the game with a victory for the semifinal sectional game against Kankakee Valley with a score of 5-0.

OFFENSE OR DEFENSE?

Offense:

“You don’t have as much pressure to keep the other team from scoring; you just need to score. ”

— freshman *Kevin Church*

Defense:

“We’re allowed to be more physical and more aggressive. Pushing people is fun too. ”

— sophomore *Nathan Doctor*

⇒ 1. *Filip Vucovski* (9) goes for the ball as a Bishop Noll opponent reaches toward him in an attempt to steal it. “I was born in Europe and lived there for about 12 years. Everyone there was into soccer, so I got into it, too,” Vucovski said.

⇒ 2. *Spase Dorsuleski* (11) throws the ball in from the sidelines. “Soccer was definitely the highlight of my high school career,” Dorsuleski said.



⇒ 3. *Alex Fenn* (12) makes a corner kick to his teammates whom he has grown comfortable with. “I’ve played with a lot of my teammates for a while now, even before I got to the high school,” Fenn said. “We’re all friends outside of school.”

Getting the Ball Rolling

Making it big in soccer is a common goal of the boy’s soccer team and they have the support they need to get there

Burning calves, straining ankles, and struggling muscles. Shiny droplets of perspiration flow down the boy’s face. His surroundings fade and the crowd is hushed. Kick. Goal. The crowd goes wild. This is the aspiration of the boy’s soccer team. But what inspired them?

“My dad inspires me and tells me that I can always do better,” junior *Tod Oram* said. Other players are motivated in different ways.

“Watching my favorite soccer team, Manchester United, always motivates me,” sophomore *Alex Elmer-Jackson* said. Professional soccer had a large impact on the boys.

“Messi, a player from my favorite team in Barcelona, inspires me because of his attitude on and off the

field,” freshman *Filip Vucovski* said.

Professional playing is definitely a possible career path for the boys on the team. “I want to do soccer and I want to hopefully be a professional soccer player,” junior *Stojan Krsteski* said. “One day I would like to go pro,” Vucovski said.

Even if playing professionally isn’t the main goal, pursuing soccer after high school is a recurring theme on the team. “I want to continue playing soccer, and I would like to go to college for soccer one day,” Oram said.

“We had a good season,” senior *Martin Mitreski* said, “We didn’t go to state but we made it to regionals and I was pretty happy with that.”

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT



⇒ 4. *Alex Elmer-Jackson* (10) defends the ball for his team as he kicks the ball out of a defender's reach. "I plan on training harder this season and coming back next year to play even harder," he said.

⇒ 5. *Martin Mitreski* (12) prepares himself by warming up before the game. "I fell in love with soccer when I was 4 years old, and I stuck with it," Mitreski said.



Game Faces



Never Just Luck

Last year, the varsity boys soccer team won the state championship. Many people told them that it was just luck. Junior *Tod Oram* was happy to say it wasn't luck at all.

"I realized that we could go somewhere this year too. It was cool that we made it all the way to regionals and proved people



wrong, that it wasn't just luck. We played like a family this year and had a lot of potential and just the experience of playing," Oram said.

Tod looked forward to next year and seeing the capabilities of next year's team.

"I loved the experience this year and seeing what our potentials are for next year."

STORY BY JEN TSOUKLIS

Anatomy of a Golfer ...

Critical Mind

"Golf is such a relaxing game and I like after a bad day you can just go play," sophomore Jackie VanDerWey said.

Flexible Core

Strong Legs

⇒ 1. Since practice makes perfect, Alyssa Barancyk (11) pre-swings before she takes her hit. "My greatest accomplishments this year were getting my drive to go farther and this year I gained so much more," Barancyk said. She had been on the team for three years.

⇒ 2. Jackie VanDerWey (10) chips into the green during one of their many tournaments. "I'd say sectional run-ups were one of our biggest accomplishments. Overall it was successful but disappointing because we expected to make it to state as a team," VanDerWey said.



The Drive to Determination

Every team goes through their own struggles, but the girls' nerves were the hardest to overcome this season

The girls' golf team came together as a team in many ways but at the same time each girl represented herself individually. "We had to face a lot of teams that had scores that could out-score us but I think that we handled it with a lot of determination. We didn't let it phase us," freshman Tiffany Curtis said.

Since the girls golfed independently, they did not have the comfort of having their team right by their side and they were stuck to battle their own nerves.

"You have a team there but you overall affect your own score because you have the control of your emotions, so if your nerves come into play your team isn't there to help you through it," freshman Kelly Merrill said.

"I was kind of disappointed in how I played most of the time because I knew I left a lot of shots out there. I was really happy that I went to state and that was great but I was just really

disappointed that I couldn't handle my nerves," Curtis said.

Along with playing solo came the benefit of having personal achievements.

"As far as personal accomplishments, I dropped about five strokes from my score this season," sophomore Jackie VanDerWey said.

The girls did not join because of the team aspect, they all joined for different reasons. "I've been golfing since I was five. My dad golfs, I golf, my older brother golfs, my younger brother golfs, so it's just a family sport," junior Alyssa Barancyk said.

As the year progressed, Curtis thought about things she could improve on personally. "I always want to lower my score but I'm such a short person that I have to work really hard on my core just to progress the ball farther down I'll try to get a lot more distance on my drives." Curtis said.

STORY BY CASSY KIM

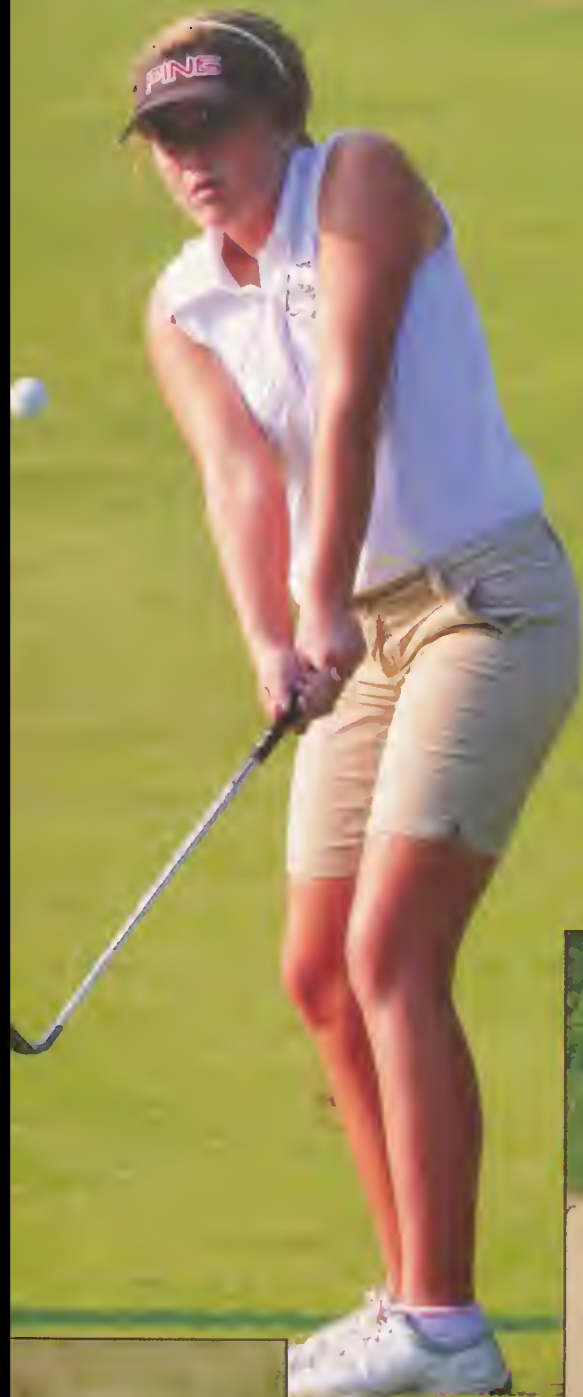
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⇒ 3. After a putt, Zoie Matthews (12) observes her ball while waiting to see if it goes in. "Last year was great but the girls this year were fantastic, being that they were dedicated and hardworking," Matthews said. "This is my last year on the team, I will miss them all next year."

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⇒ 4. *Alyssa Harvey* (10) hits the iron, a type of golf club. "The thing I enjoy most about golf is that it's more of a mental than a physical game which means it's more mind over matter," Harvey said. She hopes to go on to state next year.

⇒ 5. *Tiffany Curtis* (9) lines up her putt before hitting the ball. "Battling my nerves was the hardest thing to overcome during the season because when I play golf I tend to be a very confident person," Curtis said.

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What makes golf 'your sport'?



"My least favorite part of playing golf is having to wake up for the early morning practices," *Alyssa Hemminger* (9) said.



"My favorite part of playing golf is just being out in nature and having fun with all of my teammates," *Kelly Merrill* (9) said.

Awards, On Awards, On Awards

Senior *Lucia Bracco* has been passionate about golfing since she was 10 years old. For eight years, Bracco stepped on to the green at Youche Country Club in preparation for her high school seasons.

She was the winner of three separate awards for her outstanding golf skills. She was chosen from the top 15 girls in the state to win the 'Academic Allstate' award, based on her academic achievements. She was also the proud holder of the title, Duneland



Athletic Conference award and in addition, her team received the Sectionals Medalist Award. She is living proof that hard work pays off and was a great example for all athletes.

"I enjoy golfing because it's a calming, relaxing sport. It helps me get away from everything else and I enjoy working at it. I just like it because it's so fun to be out there and to be one with nature," she said.

STORY BY JACQUELYN RETTIG

L. TITAK

⇒ 1. At the sound of the pistol the boys take off with a strong start to get ahead of the opposing team. "At the beginning of the race, *Daniel Walters* (12), *Tom Cierniak* (12), and I wanted to stick and run together as a team," *Alex Ray* (12) said.

⇒ 2. Finishing up, *Tom Cierniak* (12) takes first place against Merrillville and Michigan City. "I think it's best to run as a team but I took off at the end because I was feeling confident," *Cierniak* said.



What's Your Motivation?

Freshman Trevor Miller: "My motivation is my uncle because he received a full ride to Ball State for cross country."

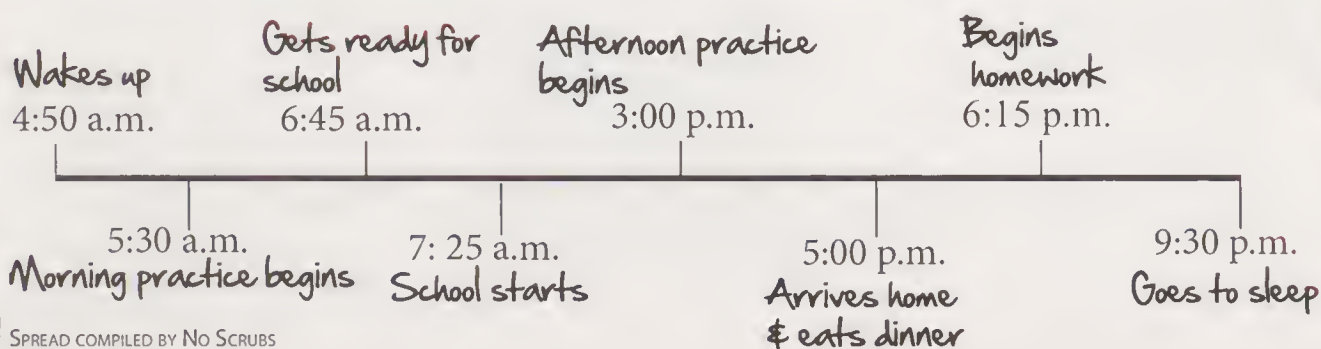
Sophomore Luke Voss: "My motivation is just being good at cross country and succeeding at it makes me love the sport."

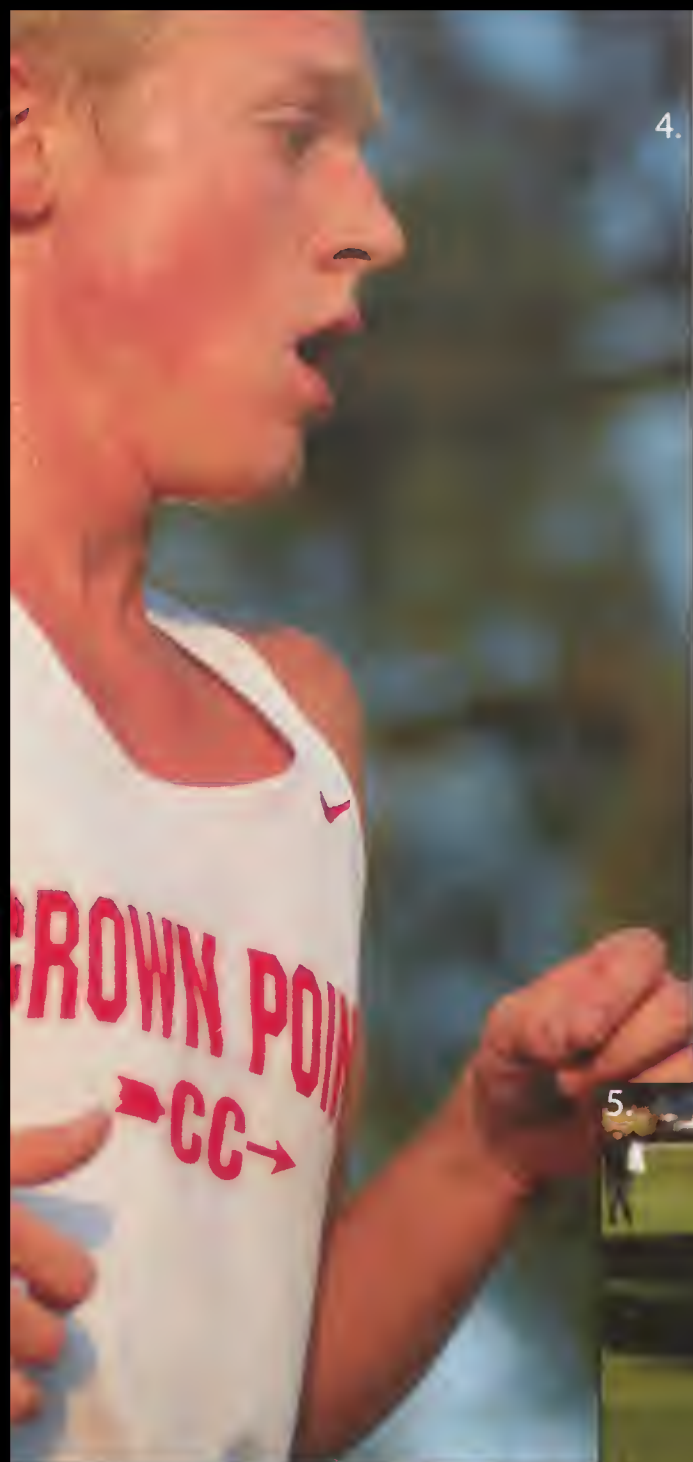
Junior Alex Netluck: "My motivation is when a freshman is in front of me, so I pick up my speed and run faster."



A Day in the Life of a Cross Country Runner

Senior *Wesley Dault* manages a busy schedule during the season





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More Than Just a Team

With the boys losing their top players for semi-state, coming together as a family is necessary bring out the best in each other

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." The boys cross country team resembled this quote and showed that they could work as a team and strive towards their common goal, success.

"We did really well, we worked together as a team even during our rough practices," junior *Mitchell Gerlach* said. "We always supported each other."

Not only were they a team but throughout the season the team spent so much time together they became what they would like to call a 'family'.

"After school, you're with the team till around five or even later," senior *Daniel Walters* said. "It's like you're around your teammates more than you

family. That's why we all became so close, because we spent so much time together."

As the team grew closer and more fond of each other, they started to motivate each other to do their best.

"My team was my motivation to work as hard as I could because they always supported me even when I messed up," senior *Jared Hebda* said.

Even though the team had to meet their demise after advancing to semi-state, they all hoped to improve their individual times and work harder during the off-season, in order to improve for next year's season.

"I think as a whole our team did well; throughout the season everyone improved," freshman *Alec Gerlach* said.

STORY BY RYLEE BALLARD



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⇒ 3. Sitting on a hill, the boys cross country team relaxes after eating at a teammates house. "I really enjoyed having everyone come over for team bonding because it made us feel closer as a team," *Jacob Langbehn* (10) said.



⇒ 4. *Nick Morin* (11) increases his speed while running downhill in the meet against Merrillville and Michigan City. "All I was thinking was 'pass, pass, pass,'" Morin said. "I just wanted to finish the race."

⇒ 5. *Travis Kucic* (12) competes in the meet against Merrillville and Michigan City. "I wouldn't be doing this if it wasn't for my team; they got me this far and I rely on them," Kucic said.

RUNNING BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 Ran at state
- 2 Injuries
- 3 All regional qualifiers
- 4 Conference races
- 5 All sectional qualifiers
- 6 Sophomores & seniors
- 7 Varsity runners

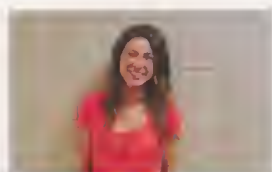
⇒ 1. The girls' cross country team runs together for their last race. "Conference is pretty tough. All my training was there but mentally, I wasn't there," Kelly Kisowski (10) said. "My race wasn't the best and it kind of made me upset because that was the last race of my season, but I always have the next two years."

⇒ 2. Shelby Sell (10) bolts to the finish during her final lap at the Lemon Lake race. "I run first with my legs. I run second with my mind. I run third with my heart," Sell said.



SPRINTING SISTERS

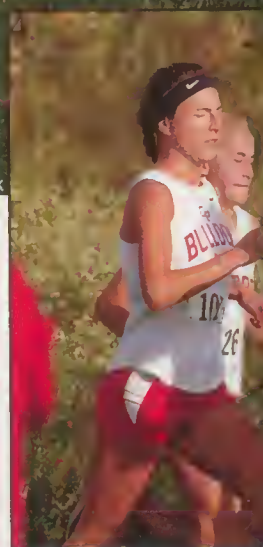
Ally and Alexis Carpenter show that running with their sibling can lead to extreme possibilities



Senior Ally Carpenter said, "This year Alexis has become more of a friend to me. Having her on varsity with me has made us closer and we encourage each other to do our best."



Freshman Alexis Carpenter said, "Having my sister on the team with me makes it more of a competition. We fight a lot at practice but the team thinks it's pretty funny."



RUNNING Through the Pain

Recovering from pain is one thing, but breaking records after an injury is a whole different story

Junior Amber Willette came into the 2012-2013 cross country season with sky-high hopes for a record-breaking year. That was until she found out that she had a minor hip injury. Although she thought her world of running along Lemon Lake was shattered, she held onto hope. Willette said that with constant support and encouragement from Coach Pisowski and



Hattendorf, she was able to work through the pain. Willette sat out a couple meets and cheered on her team while nursing her devastating injury.

When the time came for Willette to run again, she was slower than normal. She never lost hope. On her third race after recovery, she pushed her hardest and ran personal record-breaking race. "Even when you're at the edge of giving up, don't. Push through the difficult times and those who care will be with you every step of the way," Willette said.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

Unstoppable Force

The girls cross country team proves this season through pain and injury that running is something that cannot be stopped

Girls cross country had quite a season this year with many surprising challenges. From a new coach with a whole new way of training, to the several injuries that had the team worried. Although there was a lot of change, the girls focused and got the job done.

Sophomore *Shelby Sell* was one of many girls who had an injury during the season. When she finally got over the hardships of the injuries, she was able to run her race while keeping one thing in mind. "Once you start, you can't stop was my motto for every race and it kept me motivated," Sell said.

The girls got a new coach and started new ways of training. The coach was vigorous and upbeat and kept the girls on their toes. Like Sell, sophomore *Alex St. Amour* faced an injury that put her running to a halt. "It was definitely different having a new coach and having

to adjust to a different personality," said St. Amour. "The training was hard and the mileage was long, but we all pulled through tougher than when we started."

One thing that kept the girls going was their friendship. It seemed cliché to say that a team was like a family but for these girls it was just the beginning. During training, they performed an exercise known as pack running. The girls were assigned a group that they were expected to keep up and race with.

Spending time in their pack groups made the girls even closer.

"The friendships have definitely gotten closer. I wouldn't trade my teammates for the world. Even though it is just a sports team, we all came together as a family," junior *Shelby Kiger* said. Through races, pain, and a new coach, the girls' cross country team proved that friendship was the one thing that mattered most.

STORY BY ALYSSA SETLAK



⇒ 3. *Alli Jostes* (12) pushes herself to cross the finish line. "The sore muscles, the aches, and the pains are all worth it after we push ourselves far beyond our limits," said Jostes.



⇒ 4. *Kayla McGurk* (11) runs ahead of her teammates. "I felt really strong because I had my teammates pushing me," McGurk said. Next year she hopes to give her team some points by qualifying for every post season.

⇒ 5. *Patricia O'Brien* (10) and the girls from the cross country team have fun dressing up for their senior night. "My favorite part of the season was getting really close with all of the girls; I feel like I can really trust them," O'Brien said.

A Day in the Life of a XC Runner

6:30- Wake up on time and have a healthy breakfast for energy

7:25- Try to focus in school without letting the nerves get in the way

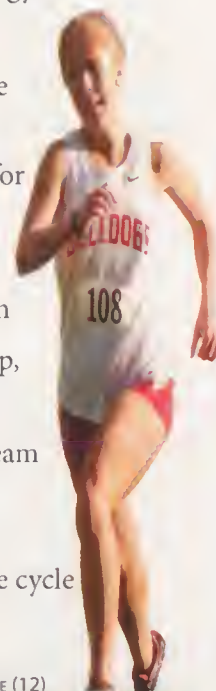
2:27- Board the bus for the away meet

2:45- Make a playlist and get in the zone to run

3:30- Stretch, warm up, and prepare for the race

4:00- Bond with the team and pray as a group

4:30- Run, cross the finish line, and repeat the cycle



HANNAH WALLACE (12)

Game Faces



⇒ 1. *Joey Gawor* (12) leaps into the air to return the ball. "My favorite thing about tennis is that it's individual so you can count on yourself, but it's also a team sport, so you get to play with your teammates and have a lot of fun," Gawor said.

⇒ 2. *Carson Hoogewerf* (11) locks his eye on the ball, continuing the volley. "My goal is to play on varsity again next year, and to make it to semi-state," Hoogewerf said. The team made it to regionals last year.



2. L. TITAK

Causing a Racquet

Boys' tennis strives to progress as a team and as individuals

Practice makes perfect. This is the motto of the boy's tennis team, who made it to regionals last year. "It was a pretty mediocre season," junior *Boris Pavlovski* said.

The team lived up to expectations from previous years. "We usually make it to regionals," junior *Carson Hoogewerf* said, but the team will strive to go further.

"We expect a lot better next year," Pavlovski said. There were a lot of alternative views as to how to move forward and progress, one of which was outstandingly simple: "We're just going to keep playing tennis. That's about all we can do," Hoogewerf said.

Tennis practice doesn't always have to be stressful. The boys enjoyed their season and made great

friends in the process. "We have a lot of fun at practice," senior *Joey Gawor* said.

Tennis continues to challenge players on and off season. "It's a very mechanical sport and you really have to practice," Pavlovski said.

The boys practiced independently as well as with the team throughout the season. "Your team depends on you, and how you perform is basically how you do in singles," Gawor said, though he actually prefers doubles.

"Doubles is fast-paced and exciting; I think it's more fun to watch, too," Gawor said.

These boys demonstrate that practice can only benefit. If practice doesn't make perfect, it definitely makes progress.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT



⇒ 3. *Boris Pavlovski* (11) prepares for the return. "My goal is to advance to semi-state and maybe advance from there since we've never gotten that far before," Pavlovski said. The team continues preparations for next year.



⇒ 4. *Chris Dietrich* (12) raises his racquet, preparing to serve. "Our team did really well," Dietrich said. "We're a pretty young team but that means we'll only get better by next year." He has high hopes for the seasons to come.

⇒ 5. On senior night, the boys' tennis team smiles for the camera, full of pride. "I played tennis my freshman and sophomore year, and came back my senior year," *Zach Chasko* (12) said. "I like getting to know everyone and just hanging out."



The Perfect Stance

Tennis players give insight into the best part of a team sport

Joey Ising (10) reaches for the ball in his attempt at a perfect stance. Ising's favorite part of being on tennis is hanging out with his team and winning. "My team did great and when we did lose we made the other team work for it," Ising said. He was happy with how his team worked and plans to practice even more.

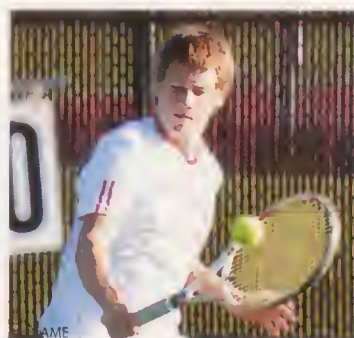


Returning the Serve

Sophomore *Brendan Ray* finished his second year on varsity this past season and has been involved in tennis since age 4.

"My mom got me involved at a young age and I started to play club with my older brother," Ray said.

Many athletes would not be the people they are today without their parents help. "My parents are very supportive," Ray said. "Usually one of my parents is at every match."



As Ray became more influenced in his tennis career, he found one person that stuck out most. "The person I look up to is my coach, Lawny; he helped develop me as a player," Ray said.

A big part of being a team is working together. "I encourage my teammates and they encourage me," Ray said. "We are a great team and we are only getting better."

Ray looks forward to someday winning regionals and moving on to semi-state.

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY

GAME TIME

With Alyssa Mazur

Players just don't **feel** ready until they know every little detail is taken care of

The Music:

"Get Outta Your Mind by Lil' Jon is a must listen to song before a big game. It has a lot of bass and really gets us pumped."

The Meal:

"We like to eat. So when our parents don't supply the best food we get a little angry. Olive Garden was definitely a team favorite."

The Prep:

"Getting your ankles taped, and heating your back is apart of keeping yourself safe from injuries. Plus seeing Trent is always an experience."

The Equipment:

"Playing without knee pads is like playing without your jersey. It's almost impossible to give 100% without them."

"I like close games because it gets your adrenaline up, and everyone plays better," junior **Alyssa Mazur** said.

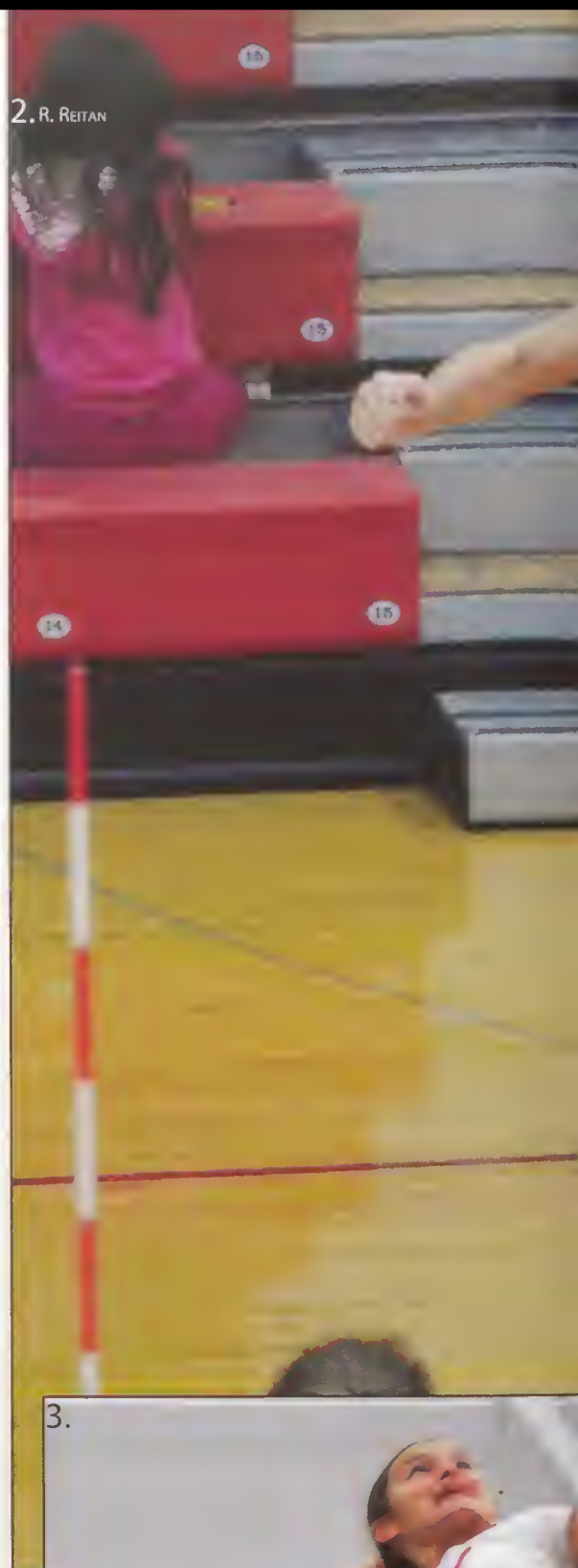


⇒ 1. **Madalyn Brownlee** (10) takes an approach in her pre-game warm up. "Before a game I always make sure to stretch so I don't risk getting hurt during the season," Brownlee said. The coaches ensured that the girls had an intense stretch before every game to avoid injuries.

⇒ 2. **Alyssa Kvarta** (10) jumps up to slam a ball past opposing Lake Central's block. "Every time I go up to hit, all I'm thinking about is smashing it in the other side's faces," Kvarta said. "When I do, I get so incredibly pumped all I do is scream." The team went on to beat Lake Central in a hard-fought four games.



2. R. REITAN



Hard Hitting

The volleyball team is hit hard this season with their three senior captains obtaining injuries

For many of the volleyball players, this season was a roller coaster ride. The girls started off their season dominating, sweeping both Munster and Highland easily. With a knee injury of senior captain **Taylor Equihua** plaguing their roster, the girls started to falter, losing to teams such as Valparaiso and Chesterton. The girls still fought hard and attempted different changes in their lineup, placing some girls in roles which they've never played.

"We are a young team. This is the first year on varsity for about half of us. So when many of us were called on to step in a new role, we easily accepted," junior **Courtney Covaciu** said.

The girls kept pushing forward even with their many obstacles. "Watching varsity overcome their injuries really inspired all of us on the JV and freshman teams as well, because we also had multiple injuries. They all stepped up into positions they might

not have been comfortable in, which really inspired me as a freshman on JV to work as hard as they do," freshman **Hannah Albrecht** said.

Come sectionals, the volleyball players pulled it together knowing they needed to play as a team.

"We all had always loved each other but we didn't always play as a team. When sectional time rolled around, we knew we had to step it up and play together, which is exactly what we did," sophomore **Taylor Sabato** said.

The girls beat rival Chesterton in the first round of sectionals, after losing to them twice in DAC play. The girls battled hard in the second round, losing by two points in the fifth game against Valparaiso to end their season with their heads held high. From concussions to MCL injuries, all the volleyball teams fought to the end to finish their season on a high note.

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR

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⇒ 3. **Amber Gatz** (9) jumps high in a long three set match against Michigan City. "I always tell my team to take the game one point at a time when it's a battle," Gatz said. "It's hard to pull through but in the end, it's worth it."



➡ 4. Emma Ogden (12) releases the set back, setting up Alyssa Kvarta (10) for a kill. "While being a captain this year I really tried to take it seriously. I wanted to help my team reach their full potential and I tried to keep everyone up and positive at all times," Ogden said. She was one of three captains who led the team.

➡ 5. Erica Zdanowicz (9) hops up for a tip over the Portage block. "It's really different being on a high school team," Zdanowicz said. "But as long as I'm playing, I am incredibly pumped." Zdanowicz followed in her two sisters' footsteps who played as well and graduated last year.



ShiftyFaces

Players are caught on camera making some abnormal and entertaining expressions



"It's embarrassing. That's the only thing I can say about this photo. I'm glad it provided entertainment for my teammates and apparently now, the whole school," junior Caley Rainford said.



"Volleyball is an intense game and I'm really competitive. I can't help it if I get a little too into the game when we're winning," freshman Andrea Kutemeier said.

Digging out of a hole

Mid-season, senior and outside hitter Taylor Equihua went down against Chesterton with an unfortunate and untimely knee injury. "It was a major low point but a great positive at the same time. I can't even explain how much support I received from my teammates. So when the doctor told me that there was not a tear in my knee, my teammates and my desire to finish out my senior season really motivated me," Equihua said.



"As a young varsity team, the last thing you want is to have injuries to the few senior players you have," coach Alison Duncan said.

Two weeks before sectionals, senior defensive specialist Sloane Alexander underwent a surgery to remove her appendix, knocking her out for the remainder of the season. "Obviously it was emotional not being able to finish out my senior year of high school volleyball but I think it brought our team closer together. We had a lot of ups and downs this season, but I'm really glad with how my teammates and sisters finished out the season," Alexander said.

STORY BY SARAH TIERNAN

⇒ Fall Sports

Reference

Crown Point
Invitational- Third
Purdue University
Invitational- Fourth
Valparaiso W
Rich Dust
Invitational- Third

LaPorte L
New Prairie
Invitational - Fourth
Michigan City L
Merrillville L
Culver Academies
Invite - 14th

DAC - Second
Sectional - First
Regional - First
Semi-State - Eighth

First Row: Tyler Jeremiah, Andrew Baumeister, Mitchell Gerlach, Josh Kvachkoff, Alec Gerlach, Steve Traficanti, Blake Macke. Second Row: Matt Moszak, Paul Dawley, Matt Muller, Travis Kucic, Tom Cierniak, Alex Netluch, Jacob Langbehn, Ryan Kepshire, Andrew Heaton, Nick Morin. Third Row: Coach Iddings, Luke Voss, Alex Ray, Jack Snedden, Jared Hebda, Trevor Miller, Zane Celmer, Mac Anderson, Coach A.

Boys' Cross Country



Crown Point Invite
- First
Purdue Invite - Eighth
Valpo L
Chesterton L
Rich Dust - Fourth
LaPorte L

Lake Central L
Portage L
New Prairie Invite
- 13th
Michigan City W
Merrillville W
Culver Invite - 23rd

DAC - Sixth
Sectional - First
Regional - Fifth
Semistate - 11th

First Row: Kara Biernat, Mariel Cuellar, Jillian Zimmerman, Kelly Kislowski, Kayla McGurk, Vanessa Garcia, Emily Dawley, Bridget DeVries, Amandeep Kaur, Kayla Giraud, Calista Andrade, Savannah Saddler, Megan Fernandez. Second Row: Chloe Sannito, Karson Triscik, Meredith VanDenBerg, Angela Klukken, Alli Jostes, Lauren Murphy, Lexi Carpenter, Marissa Darnell, Devin DeBoth, Shelby Kiger, Callista Christ, Ally Carpenter, Hannah Wallace. Third Row: Eric Banser, Coach Piskowsky, Alex St. Amour, Lily Sharp, Savanna Robison, Patricia O'Brien, Sara Kish, Allison Wortel, Lauren Touchette, Lyndie Pierce, Amber Willette, Mandy MacFarlane, Shelby Sell, Brigitte Banser, Coach Hattendorf.

Girls' Cross Country



Lafayette Harisson
Invite - Third
Viking Classic - Sixth
Indian Classic -
Second
Bulldog Invitational
- Third

Kankakee Valley
Invitational - Third
DAC Invitational -
Third
Munster/Lowell -
Third
Lake Central W

Chesterton W
LaPorte L
Valparaiso W
Michigan City L
Portage L
Sectionals - Second
Regional - Eighth

First Row: Zoie Matthews, Coach Koscielniak, Coach Haas, Coach Trapp, Kelly Merrill, Tiffany Curtis. Second Row: Jackie VanDerWay, Lucia Bracco, Alyssa Harvey, Alyssa Barancyk, Alyssa Hemminger.

Girls' Golf



Lowell L
Hobart W
Merrillville W
Lake Central W
Portage W
Valparaiso L
LaPorte L

Chesterton L
Michigan City W

First Row: Jacob Daniels, Ben Waisnora, Max Bell, Angel Manfredy, Joseph Lovasko, Matt Weiglus, Jacob Aneston. Second Row: James Carlsson Hall, Chris Ivezic, Jose Herrera, Joey O'Keefe, Logan Sherer, Cory Penkala, Trenton Schoenborn, Henry Georgas, Nick Ricci. Third Row: Jon Bennett, Alec Hammons, Auden Fleming, Nick Lucas, Yousif Elayyan, Zach Babich, Chase Ferree, Grant Pape, Jeremy Flynn. Fourth Row: Zach Berry, Jacob Yelich, Cameron Wastson, Ben Kamstra, Aaron Boudreau, Brandon Botts, Abel Stewart, Jason Smack, Tyler Fuller, Zach Perez. Fifth Row: Dallas Merae, Noah Schutter, David Hume, Ryan Bonaparte, Lawrence Marczewski, Hunter Olson, Jacob Kutansovski, Keaton Keiser, Quinton Jones.

Lowell W
Hobart W
Merrillville L
Lake Central L
Portage W
Valparaiso W
LaPorte W
Chesterton L

Michigan City W
Valparaiso W
Lake Central W
Merrillville L
JV: Lowell W
Hobart W
Merrillville L
Lake Central L

Portage L
Valparaiso W
LaPorte W
Chesterton W
Michigan City W
Merrillville W

First Row: Drake Phillips, Josh Barrera, Noe Madrigal, Nawwaf Elayyan, Tim Volk, James Haage, Jacob Deakin, Nick Hollis, Wess Honaker, Nick Isaacs, Skevo Zembillas, Vinnie Coniglio, Jared Swope, Patrick Messer, Kurt Roach, Michael Moreau. Second Row: Joe Keck, Stephen Chimitris, Mike Young, Ron Greep, Joe Dosen, Artie Equihua, Amanda Ristovski, Anna Keilman, Morgan Stepnoski, Megan Chaussey, Brandi Collins, Alex Alessia, Austin Norvil, Tyler Downing, Cody Hipp, Quentin Klingberg, Griffin Hattabaugh, Danny Aultman. Third Row: Steve Alessia, Michael Kopman, Mitchell Kalinowski, Vince Schoenborn, Jacob Kocher, Vince Renia, Conner Miller, Mihailo Bradash, Asa Villasenor, Ryan Flahnery, Matt Wegman, Josh Pagan, Logan Dexter, Tyler Welker. Fourth Row: Daniel Sanchez, Pierce Jones, Tommy Myers, Nick Hanlon, Byron Previs, Anthony Van Auker, Seth Dee, Maddison Lawson, Nicholas Wesley, Matt Bakker, Ryan Kelleher, Tyler Smith, Matt Langbehn, Zack Bucci. Fifth Row: Jonathan Tataren, Nathan Hanlon, Brandon Strong, Jonathon Imburgia, Brandon Bernhardt, Nick Langbehn, Anthony Geisen, Nathan Dick, Jesse Martin, Luke Polus, Mitchel Kessler, Fredrick Brey, Dan Kasper, Steven Smead. Sixth Row: Troy Grady, Kyle Crider, Brandon Seberger, Tristian Peterson, Nick Faso, Josh Henry, Luke Lamhert, Nolan Bish, Mohammad Elayyan, Roc Hopman, Derek Davidson, Zac Ignas, Alex Leighty. Seventh Row: Justin Ferrell, Rory Packard, Steven Potosky, Eric Fiacable, Zane Cecich, Jacob Jatis, Braxton Rice, Morgan Kral, Sean Jones, Kramer Keilman, Jacob Brown, Brendyn McKinnon, Connor Andras, Jacob Ryan

Win 12
Loss 3
Tie 1

First Row: Matthew Frazier, Joseph Ising, Scott Cade, Trevor Gray, Nick Cantley, Ben Kochert, Caleb Kreis, Anthony Kendall, Alejandro Fletes. Second Row: Scott Garrison, Sam Maginot, Adam Novelli, Alex Kutemeier, Leo Zdanowicz, Travis Kovacic, Patrick Hibbard, Chris Korzeniewski.

Griffith W
Rensselaer W
Andean W
Chesterton W
Culver L
Michigan City W

Highland W
Lake Central W
Merrillville W
Portage W
Lowell W
Chesterton W

Valparaiso L
Kankakee Valley W
LaPorte W
Lake Central W
Lowell W
Munster L

Front Row: Brendan Ray, Lance Noerenberg, Boris Pavlovski, Dominic Peritin, Joey Gawor. Second Row: Chris Dietrich, Matt Mudd, Carson Hoogewerf, Zach Chasko.

Freshman Football



JV Varsity Football



Boys' JV Tennis



Boys' Varsity Tennis



⇒ Fall Sports

Reference

MVP: Felicia Wacasey
Most Improved: Mia Gurgevich
Bulldog Award: Amber Gatz

First Row: Jocie Lepak, Amber Gatz, Felicia Wacasey, Nicole Gilbert, Sarah Scasny
Second Row: Coach Wool, Samantha Armev, Megan Morgan, Mia Gurgevich
Third Row: Brooklyn Turley, Abbey Wellman, Erica Zdanowicz

Freshman Volleyball



MVP: Jordan Banske
Bulldog: Jordan Jones
Most Improved: Hannah Albrecht

First Row: Jordyn Banske, Jordan Jones, Hannah Albrecht, Jen Tsouklis
Second Row: Kennedy Krutz, Coach Britton, Allyson Rushton
Third Row: Madalyn Brownlee, Samantha Columbie, Andrea Kutemeier

JV Volleyball



Emma Ogden and Alyssa Kvarta--Setter of the Year
Abby Kvachkoff--Blocker of the Year
Alyssa Kvarta--Server and Hitter of the Year
Sloane Alexander--Defensive Player of the Year
Emma Ogden --Setting Assists 540
Alyssa Kvarta-- Kills

305, Service Aces 95
Abby Kvachkoff--Blocks 52
Sloane Alexander--Digs 422

First Row: Alyssa Mazur, Alyssa Kvarta, Caley Rainford, Sloane Alexander, Taylor Sabato
Second Row: Coach Britton, Coach Duncan, Courtney Covaciu, Coach Wool
Third Row: Sarah Tiernan, Taylor Equiah, Megan Fajman, Abby Kvachkoff, Emma Ogden

Varsity Volleyball



Wins 9
Losses 2
Ties 5

Freshmen: Eric Sirois, Fernando Barajas, Jordan Sallas, Diego Balderas, Scott Garcia, Kevin Church, Devion Kyles, Christian Desiderio, Joey Krampen, Michael Tanchevski, Scotty Foster, Garret Shoemaker, Tristan Pfeifer, Filip Vucovski, Sam Hodges, Guilio Bracco, Matt Pudlo, Kevin Beatty, Cole Putnam, Dylan Wallace, Evan Rizqallah, Ilce Taneski
Sophomores: Alex Elmer-Jackson, Sterk Schuelka, Nate Doctor. Juniors: Alec Wells, Kamil Zabawa

Boys' JV Fresh Soccer



Lowell W	Chesterton W	Merrillville W
Lake Central W	Penn W	Andrean T
Boone Grove W	Bishop Noll W	Michigan City W
Portage W	Valparaiso W	Merrillville W
Highland W	Castle T	Kankakee Valley W
Munster W	Hamilton	Lake Central L
LaPorte L	Southeastern T	

First: Arthur Chiemelowski, Nico Garcia Vicente, Connor Keaveney, Tony Zervos, Martin Mitreski, Aleksandar Trifunovic Second: Jonny Vargas, Carmelo Morales, Goran Trimoski, Garret Small, Mason Manis, Nate Brower Third: Zach Sneiderwine, Coach, Coach Michael Bazin, Coach, Kristin Martin, Joe Bushemi Fourth: Spase Dorsuleski, Tod Orani, Erik Ekston, Payton Darnstaedt, Ben Tomko, Alex Fenn

Boys' Varsity Soccer



Lake Central W	Brebeuf L	Michigan City W
Highland W	Hamilton	Munster W
Portage W	Southeastern L	St Joseph SB L
Lowell W	Valparaiso W	Kankakee Valley W
Culver W	Andrean W	Merrillville W
LaPorte W	Merrillville W	Munster W
Chesterton W	Kankakee Valley W	Fort Wayne W

Freshmen: Alyssa Vajda, Anna Eksten, Malorie Henderlong, Katrina Ornelas, Sarah Hall, Chloe Mikus, Jenna McCarroll, Bailey Matthews, Andrea Kuiper, Natalie Brigham, Alexis Raonec, Lexi Webster
Sophomores: Meghan Morasan, Kammi Kurtz, Brooklynn Darnstaedt, Kiley Walker, Christy Kelly, Kammi Kurtz, Katie Johnson, Eva Kirby, Krystin Jajowka, Kelly Williams, Maridee Krampen Juniors: Lauren O'Keefe, Andrea Kuiper, Maddie McConnell, Jenny Pudlo, Kara Ford, Jenna Arnold, Abbey Bieker, Paige Darnell, Renee Brigham, Taryn Spisak, Chloe Anderson Seniors: Meghan Sulka, Victoria Borowski, Ashley Matthews, Rachel Marczewski, Sarah Rivich, Alyssa Seils, Courtney Farrell

Girls' Soccer





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Taking Down the Cold

The winter sports teams practice and compete through the harsh conditions native to the season.

The transition from warm to cold brings a haul of new sport seasons to a start. These teams endured the breath taking cold temperatures to train themselves into success. From the wrestling team's early morning runs to the town square, to the swim teams jumping into the chilly pools, these groups have endured it all.

"Practice for me extends all year round," freshman Miranda Elish said. "The (winter months) can get pretty tedious but it's worth it in the end."

Some winter athletes found it difficult to juggle between classes and sports, with the sun setting earlier with each passing day.

"I dislike the fact that we get home really late on school night. The schedule becomes very time consuming

as we prepare for nationals," junior Jamie Cocking said. "I do like the dance season during winter months because that's when competition season kicks into gear. Also, I love dancing during basketball games where our friends can see us perform."

Even with the chilly temperatures, some athletes found ways to have fun even through the biting wind and ice.

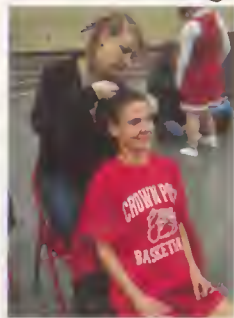
"I love the fact that wrestling is in the winter because it's so easy to cool off. All you have to do is take a step outside," senior Quentin Klingberg said. "I'm definitely going to miss the atmosphere."

Winter athletes were noted for their courage to practice throughout the freezing temps, while still managing to squeeze in their school work.

Robert Herrick
"Thus times do shift, each thing his turn does hold; New things succeed, as former things grow old,"

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN

Preparing for the Game



Put hair up in a ponytail or a braid

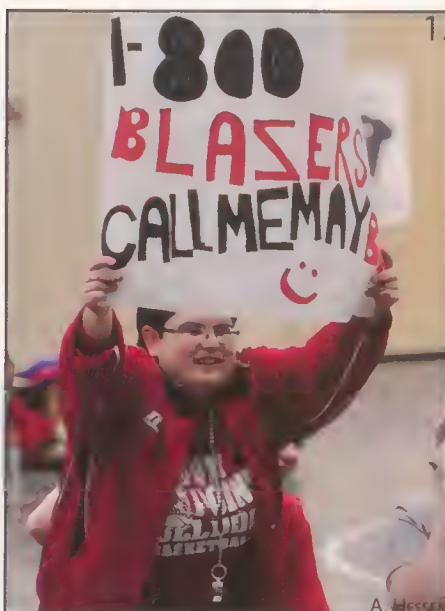
Warm-up with the rest of the team



Start the game with the first pass



- ⇒ 1. Performing in between games, *Katie Chimitris* holds up a sign after dancing to the song "Call Me Maybe." The Bulldog Blazers cheered on the basketball players at all their games.
- ⇒ 2. Pointing across court, *Joey Smith* yells to telling another teammate where to go. Smith was a strong leader for his other teammates.



All Signs Point Towards Victory

Special needs athletics program expands to offer more students opportunities to compete and succeed

The students with special needs avidly participated in competitive sports. Special needs athletics had been expanding ever since special education teacher *Branden Lorek* took over. They not only had basketball but they also had cheerleading and bowling. In addition, track and field was added to the special needs athletics program.

The popularity of these programs continued to increase each year. All the sports and activities offered to the students gave them a chance to feel accomplished. "These kids are probably more competitive than the athletics here at school. Some could even play with them," Lorek said.

Not only did it give the kids a chance to be a little competitive, but they got to socialize with friends and just do something they love.

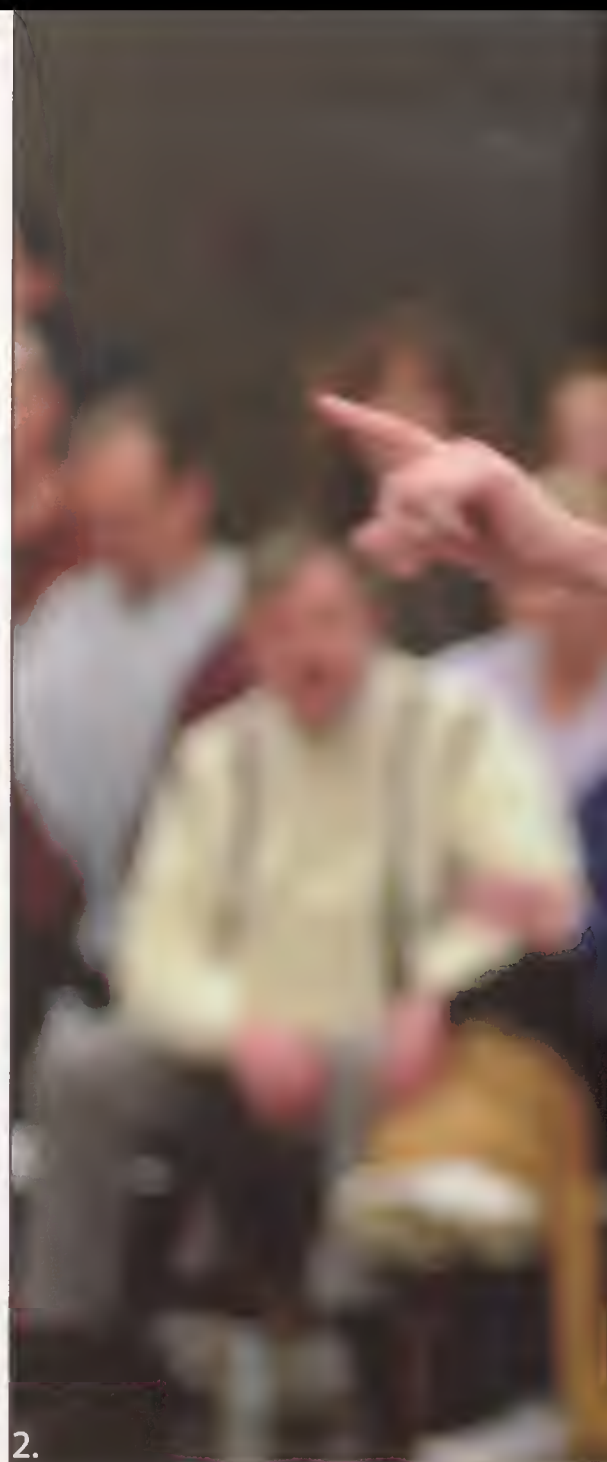
"The kids get the opportunity to have a social life and just have fun," special education teacher *Liz Hanlon* said.

The peer tutors believed that being involved in sports was beneficial for the students. "The kids get to feel good about themselves," sophomore *Becky Biancardi* said. "They get the chance to participate like everyone else, and they love the support from the crowd," Biancardi said.

Just because some peoples' circumstances were different from others did not mean it had to stop them from accomplishing what they choose.

"It shows everyone what the kids can do. They can hit a ball just like anyone else," Lorek said.

STORY BY AMARA NATAL



- ⇒ 3. In an attempt to block a pass, *Michael Chambers* holds up his arms to try and make the pass incomplete. The game against Lake Central was a close one, but Crown Point came out victorious.



⇒ 4. Michael Baltensberger runs down the court in order to score a point. Baltensberger listened well when his coach told him to run down the court and shoot for the basket.

⇒ 5. Nick Cohn, getting a pass from Joey Smith, positions his hands to catch the ball. Throughout the season, Cohn and Smith worked together to get the ball to the basket and score a point.



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A Job Well Done



"I was happy when we beat Lake Central, and I was happy when I made a basket when it was for my team," senior Natalie Lesko said.



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Supporting the Team

"Helping out with the special needs cheer squad is such an honor. To be honest, they teach me more than I could ever teach them, they are such an amazing group of girls, they've changed my life!"

Dayna Justice (11)

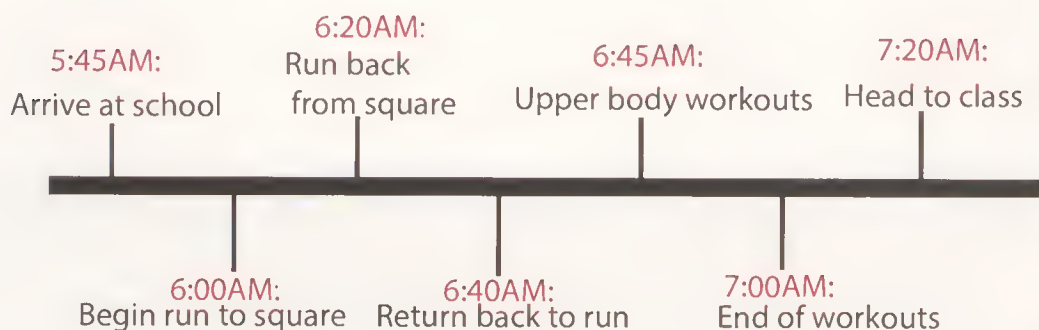


"I helped coach, ran score board, and motivated them. I told them to do their best and have fun and to pass the ball to each other. It's a good activity for the kids, it helps their social skills and helps them get more involved."

Tylor Worley (11)



Wrestlers' Morning Ritual



Seeing Double

"I'm going to IU or Purdue to major in business/management"

"I like to fish, work out, and play with my younger sister"

Weight class: 145 lbs

"Practices are very tough because it takes a lot to get through matches. Also, keeping your weight down for weigh-ins in a healthy way also takes a lot of discipline"

Tyler Burlison (12)

"I'm going to either IU, Purdue, or somewhere in Illinois to major in physical therapy"

"I like going fishing and getting closer with my family"

Weight class: 132 lbs

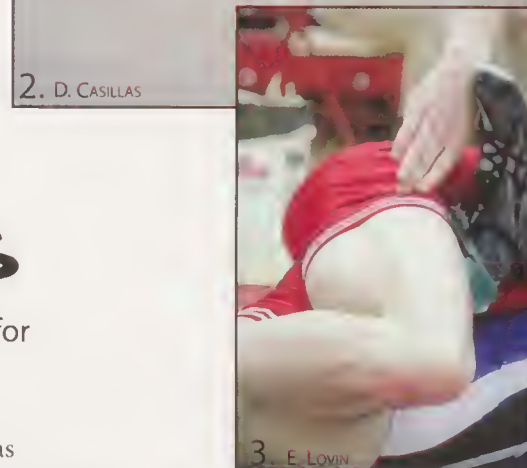
"The hardest part of wrestling is staying focused when you're trying to cut weight and getting in a good workout while tired and trying to keep focus to achieve your goal"

Trevor Burlison (12)

⇒ 1. *Darden Schurg* (10) breaks down his competitor during the Duals. "When I go out on the mat, I'm relaxed," Schurg said. "If you practice it in a room, it comes out on the mat." One of Schurg's motivations is his accomplishment in getting 4th place his previous year in wrestling.

⇒ 2. *Riley Akers* (10) locks his Valparaiso opponent's arm and leg in the Regionals. "(When I'm out on the mat) I feel like I'm by myself," Akers said. "I feel like it's just him and me, I zone everyone else out." The Regionals held wrestlers all over Northwest Indiana to get a step closer to qualify for state.

⇒ 3. With his Lake Central foe in a cradle, *Dustin Schurg* (12) prepares to take a win for his team during Regionals. "You don't really feel anything you kind of just do it," Schurg said. "I mean it's hard to explain no one would understand unless you're a wrestler, you go out there and just forget everything. You just wrestle."



Striving Towards Success

The Wrestling team pushes, works, and even cuts weight to make ends meet for another amazing season.

Crown Point has been notorious for having an outstanding wrestling team that always leaves their name floating around the wrestling community. Even with the end to team state, the bulldogs managed to still have an outstanding season. Sending 13 out of their 14 starting varsity wrestling down to semi-state and with only two losses left on their record at the end of the season, these athletes proved that Crown Point wrestling is still strong as ever.

"We have come together so much as a team, it's going to be really sad to go our separate ways," senior *Quentin Klingberg* said. "They have always been there for me, and pushed me to persevere." Klingberg missed half of his senior season on his Varsity debut due to a head injury. "My dad was always there to help me through the tough times I faced during the season, he was a major motivation

factor for me," Klingberg said.

With conditioning starting as early as September, the wrestlers truly work year round to keep their muscles and reflexives fine-tuned.

"The conditioning the coaches throw at us is so exhausting but so satisfying in the long run," senior *Brett Ervin* said. "The endurance I built from the workouts truly paid out when in the last period against my opponents, or even sometimes overtime."

On a handful of occasions a pair of brothers or sisters have played side by side in a sport, but how common is it for a group of four brothers to be on the same team with only 14 available spots? "I've wrestled alongside my brothers for as long as I can remember. . . I've always taken pointers from them to better myself," said freshman *Daylan Schurg*.

The wrestling team banded together to prevail for another near perfect season.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN





4. D. Doty



⇒ 4. Josh Fuqua (11) faces his Portage rival in the Duals match, attempting to stay neutral. "I feel very confident when I'm out on the mat," Fuqua said. "I don't want to have all that hard work go to waste and go out and lose," Fuqua said his inspiration is four time state champion Jason Tsirtis.

⇒ 5. Against his Lake Central opponent, Dax Jones (10) prepares to pin him for the win. "I always try to look for something big," Jones said. Jones went against Portage in the duals, which was held at CPHS that went against many other wrestlers in the Lake County area.

Underdogs of Wrestling

Through hard work and determination, the wrestlers of the junior varsity team are trying to exceed their expectations.

Wrestling in the 132lb weight class, sophomore Brandon Doty enjoys the sport of wrestling.

"I love wrestling but I would say that the hardest part of it would be practices because they are crazy. At practices, we wrestle our teammates which is also hard. You want to get better but at the same time, those are you teammates," Doty said.

Doty has been wrestling since he was 12 years old. "My older brother wrestled for Portage and he got me interested in the sport," Doty said.

Doty enjoys the sport of wrestling and believes that it is his passion. "I would like to get up to varsity but it would take a lot of hard work and dedication. Also, if the opportunity is there, I would like to wrestle in college," Doty said.

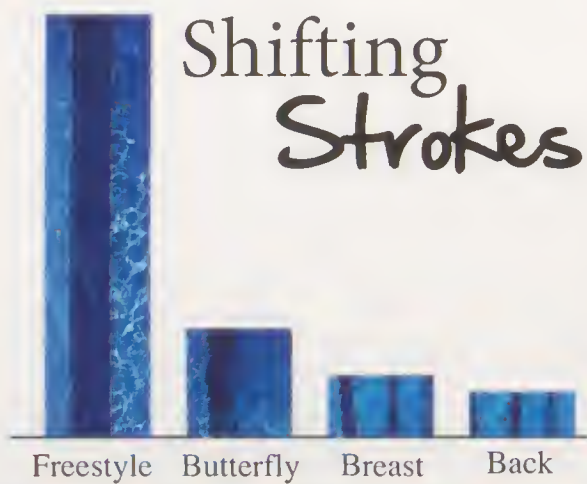
Doty believed that his previous sophomore season on the junior varsity team was decent and is excited for what next year holds.

STORY BY BEN JASEK

"The amount of time and effort I have dedicated to training to be where I am right now is crazy to think about. It's been a long road, but it's definitely been for the best."

-Senior Brett Ervin

- ⇒ 1. In the beginning of the meet, the team has a tradition of a team huddle to get everyone motivated and get their head in the meet. "The huddle gets me motivated and also gets other people not in the relay motivated, too," Mackenzie Artim (9) said.
- ⇒ 2. About to complete one of her forward dives, Kylie Stevens (11) talks after about her career in diving. "My favorite aspect of diving is the competition and adrenaline during the meets," Stevens said. She plans on staying with diving for many years to come.



Upholding Traditions



Throughout the season, the girls were more than just a team, they were a family. They hung out outside of practices and meets, and had a really good time.

"We had team bonding together. We would have sleep overs and make gifts together for Christmas parties," junior Maddy Fernandez said.

Having a relationship outside of the sport is what makes their performance better as a whole. The team also had traditions and chants that they did before and after their meets.

"We would huddle up and chant before the meet, and that is what we are doing in the picture," Fernandez said.

The swim team also had a really big heart and great sportsmanship when it came to the other team they were competing against.

"After every meet, we would sing a thank you chant to the other team. We mainly did that at home meets," Fernandez said.

STORY BY PAIGE NESEMEIER

Diving Into the Season

The girls are more of a family than just a team; they support each other in all things they do in and out of the pool

"Swimming is normal for me. I'm relaxed. I'm comfortable, and I know my surroundings. It's my home," *Michael Phelps* said. For many, this quote doesn't mean much of anything, but for the girls on the swim team this is a quote they all could relate to.

"All of us girls are so close. They push me to do my best and are so encouraging," junior *Sam Swenton* said. "I'm so lucky I got to share this season with all of these fabulous girls."

Sophomore *Brooke Kiran* has been swimming since a young age. She understands what it takes to be a part of a team. "We are all like a family, always cheering for each other and making practices fun," Kiran said.

Senior *Cara Click* was a large part of the team. Spending her last year swimming the 200 IM and the 100 fly. "It was very different than years past. I had no one to look up to because I

was the one being looked up at by the younger girls," *Click* said. "I was the middle man between the coaches and girls, and I would always make sure everyone had a say."

"My favorite part about coaching is seeing Crown Point athletes recognized locally and statewide for their efforts both athletically and academically," *Trippeer* said. He has been coaching for the past 10 years alongside *Bryon Angerman* who was at one point his teammate in high school.

The girls finished off the season with a 10-2 record, third place in sectionals, and 6 place in the state meet. "The girls improved most at the sectional meet, which for most girls is the last meet of the season, everyone swam their best times of the year," *Trippeer* said. "You can't ask for more than that from your team."

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY

AccomplishinGoals

Constantly running between friends, band, and diving, senior *Charlie Wayne* managed to stay on top through all four years in her diving career. She started diving in the summer going into her freshman year and that season, made it to regionals. By her junior year after winning sectionals, she was one to watch going down to state. Although she didn't make it through to the final round, she got an astounding score for her first trip to state.

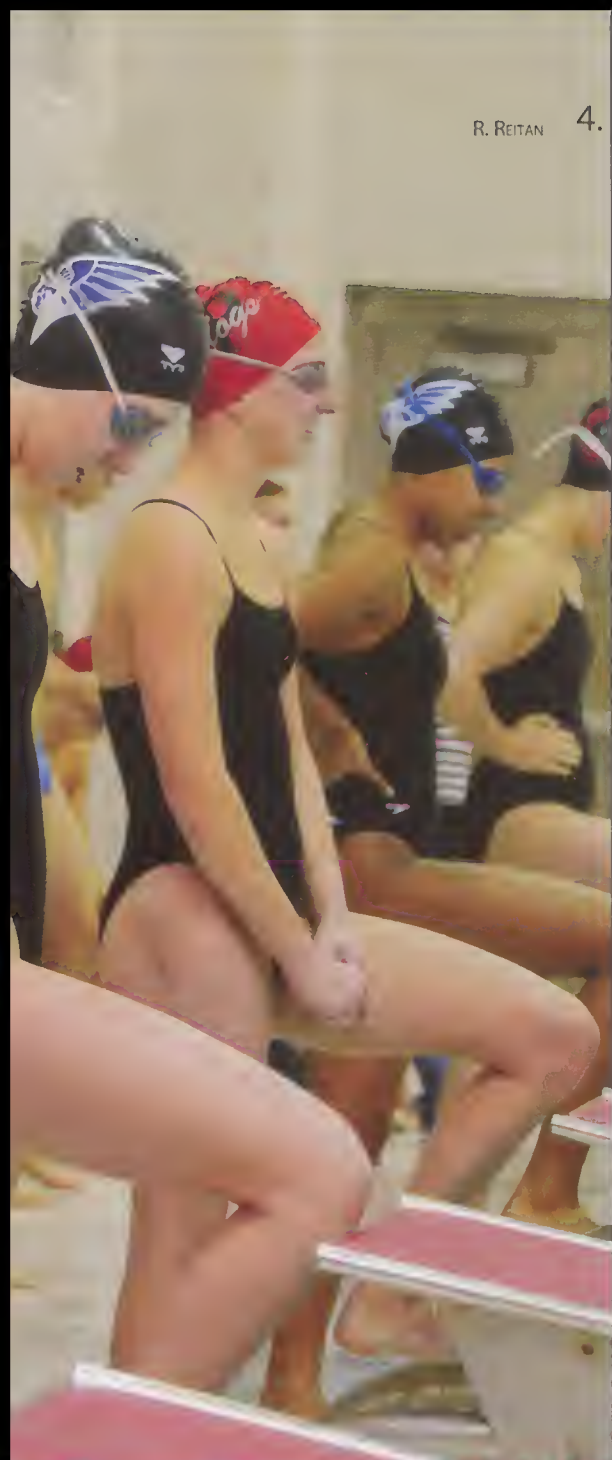
"Diving is something I can be very proud of and it's something that I only have to rely on myself to reach my ultimate goals," *Wayne* said.

As she started her senior year, she had multiple scholarship offers and ultimately chose the best offer she had, *Lindenwood University* in Missouri. Continuing her pursuit through her last season, she didn't lose one meet, won sectionals, and got third at regionals.

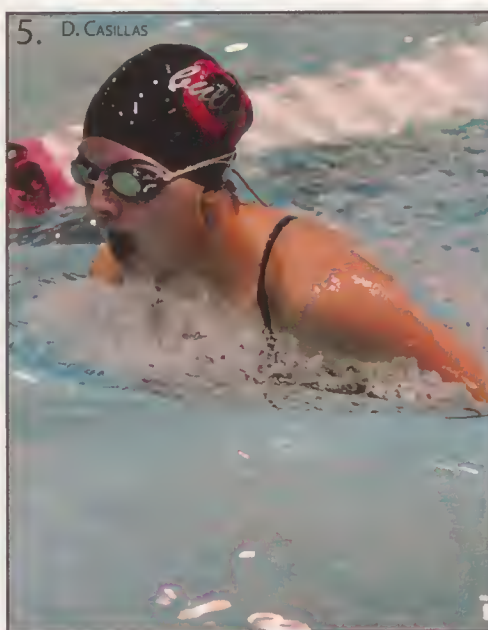
"I really accomplished my goals this season and I am ready to move on to a bigger fight with more to overcome in my years in college," *Wayne* said.

She finished her final season with a top score of 398.60 and her family is eager to stand by her when she dives into her college career.

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY



⇒ 3. *Cara Click* (12) backstrokes her way to the front of the race. "Swim used to be just for fun, but as I kept swimming it became something I always could rely on to help me relax," *Click* said. "I always feel accomplished after a long, hard practice or meet."



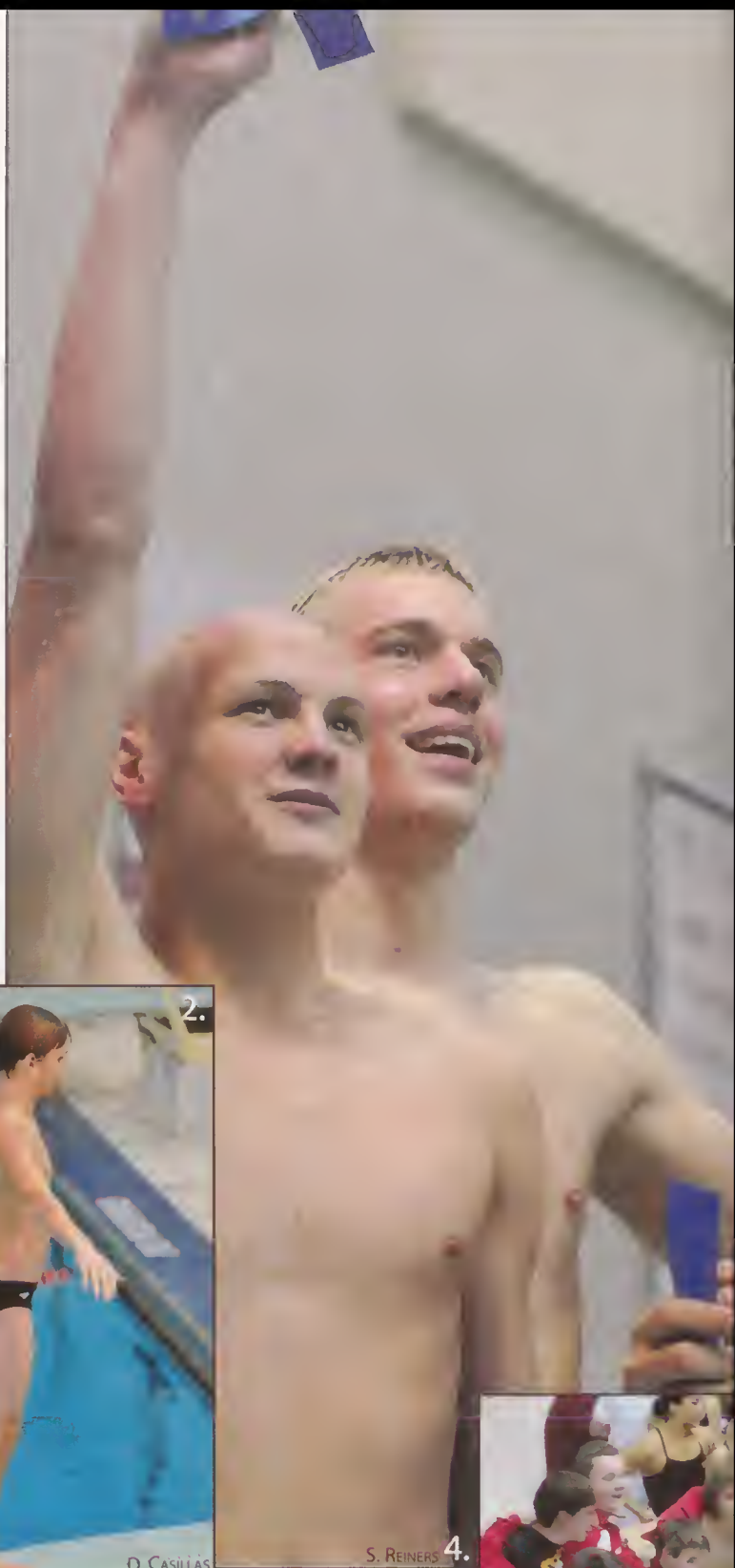
⇒ 4. Before starting her race, *Samantha Swenton* (11) mentally prepares herself. "When you really put your mind to something, you have your team next to you and give it your all and you can achieve great things," *Swenton* said. "This season was my best one yet."

⇒ 5. After racing with her favorite stroke, *April Przyborski* (11) talks about her swimming career. "Many of us girls have been together since we were little and we become even closer every season," *Przyborski* said.

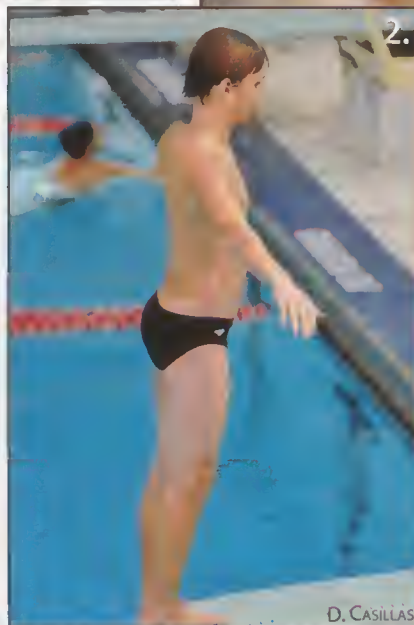
- ⇒ 1. *Joel Gintzler* (12) attempts to catch up to his opponent in the 200 medley relay. "I try to eat a good breakfast, always have a gatorade by me, focus, and make sure I'm really stretched out," Gintzler said. He hopes to swim at the University of Indianapolis next year.
- ⇒ 2. Diver *Demitri Malher* (9) stands backwards on the edge of the diving board about to do a back tuck. "It's not a difficult dive, but difficult if you've never practiced it before," Malher said. The back tuck dive only took him about a week to master.



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S. REINERS 4.



D. CASILLAS

Swimming into SUCCESS

The boy's swim team ends their season by qualifying for **state** and swimming to the finish

After placing 1st in their 200 Medley Relay, *Johnny Lynk, Andrew Kvachkoff, Joel Gintzler,* and *Nick Huls* headed off to participate at state. There in Indianapolis, all of the boys who

participated placed in their individual events. In addition, sophomore *Sage Chiaro* scored 9th place in diving at regionals, bringing both teams into a memorable record and history in the water.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS



Underneath the Water

Swimmers and divers share their daily schedule of their life underneath the waves



4:30 AM

Wake up and prepare for early morning practice at 5

7:25 AM

Listen to some music to get pumped up for the meet

3:30 PM

Take the bus to an away meet while spending time with the team

6:30 PM

Start the meet, encourage the team, and swim to success

10:00 PM

Arrive home, start homework, and begin the process over

Making a Big SPLASH

The senior boys on the swim team leave the underclassmen with advice on what they've learned along the way

"We are a really awkward family. We have our moments but in the end, it's all good," said senior *Nick Huls*. Huls, like many other seniors, is leaving behind a legacy.

They departed the team and left them with advice on how to swim faster, slicker, and stronger. They gave underclassmen various tips and strategies from personal experiences to help them in and out of the water. The seniors worked and trained harder each year, up until their final season as leaders.

"We are a great team, we swim well together and practice hard," senior *Johnny Lynk* said.

Before big events such as sectionals, the team pulled together and focused on what needed to be done. They long hours into the freezing water, which also become a second home to them. Senior *Joel Gintzler* didn't mind at all.

"It's really unique to be in water and not be like the other sports," Gintzler said.

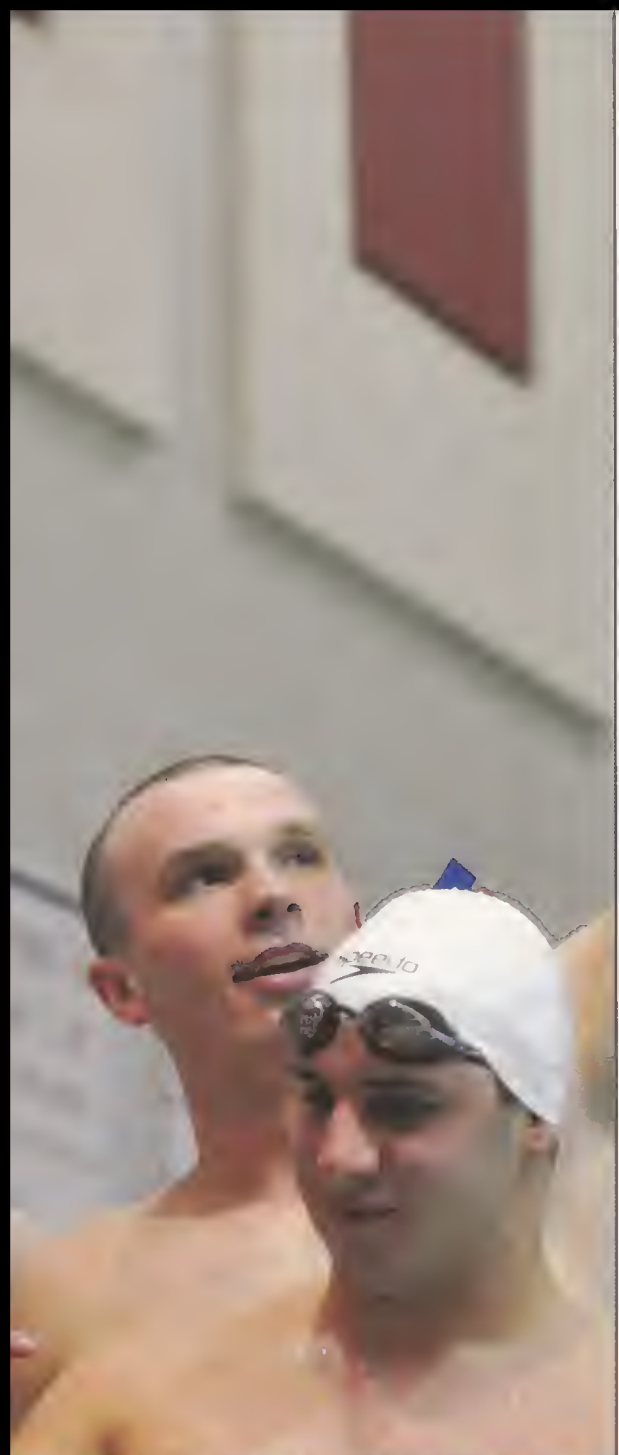
In addition to individually practicing, the team encouraged one another along the way. "I got closer to my teammates over the season. We had problems last year but this year we pulled together," junior *Taylor Schooler* said.

This past season, they had extreme success. The team went to state and did what they could to make their names and strokes remembered by the judges.

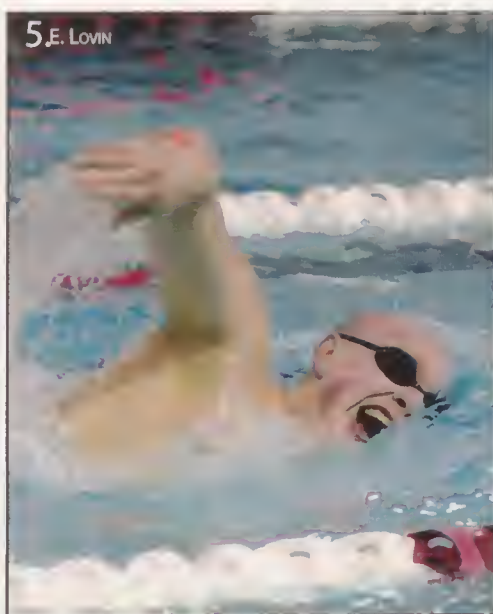
After all the hardship and stress to strive for perfection, the team made life long bonds. After spending hours together during practices and meets, they worked through all the obstacles that were presented.

"Even when it seems crazy, don't give up. It's all worth it," said senior *Nick Huls*. An important piece advice could keep swimmers in even the most stressful moments under control and in focus to make the biggest splash that they were able to give to the competition.

STORY BY ALYSSA SETLAK



⇒ 3. *Johnny Lynk* (12) gathers with the team before the meet to get them pumped up for their events. "We're a good team who swim and practice hard together," Lynk said. Lynk will swim in college at either Lewis University or IUPUI.



⇒ 4. *Andrew Kvachkoff* (11) along with some of the boys on the team raise their ribbons and a number one to signify their victory at sectionals. "We were really excited that we got first because we didn't think we did that well," Kvachkoff said.

⇒ 5. *Sam Freeman* (11) swims in the 200 free style relay against Valparaiso. "My mind is always on where everyone else is in the other lanes," Freeman said. He also likes to think of the song he was listening to before the meet.

Unforgettable Advice from our SENIORS

"Even when coaches get crazy, don't give up. It's all worth it."

-Nick Huls



"Practice hard, listen to the coaches, and do your best."

-Joel Gintzler

"Swim every meet like it's your last."

-Johnny Lynk



- ⇒ 1. *Mark Mazure* (9) stole the ball and attempts to pass it to a teammate. "I have always liked basketball since I was young because it's a fun sport. I used to play it all the time with my friends when I was younger," Mazure said. Mazure plans to join varsity and play for a Big 10 college.
- ⇒ 2. *Tommy Sanborn* (9) had his hand slapped by an opponent and lost the ball. "I plan on practicing more and improving my skills if I want to move up to JV," Sanborn said. Sanborn plans to play for JV and Varsity.



B. JASEK 1.

Hardest Part About Basketball



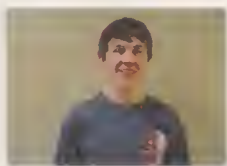
Jesse Martin (9)

"I think the hardest part about basketball is the conditioning and workouts to become stronger and in shape."



D. CASILLAS

How does it feel to be a *freshman* on the *JV* basketball team?

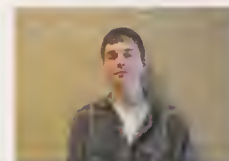


"The practices and playing with the older players was hard. It was a good experience and gave me better competition,"

-freshman *Skylor Smith*

"It was tough but once you got used to it, it got better. You're basically there to help JV get better,"

-freshman *Grant Oelen*



Ball so Hard

The boys' junior varsity and freshman basketball teams strive to do their best to show they are worthy of a varsity position

As the freshmen/JV basketball teams wrap up their 2012-13 season, the hype is at an all-time high as newcomers and returning players battle each other for positions on next season's teams.

JV player, sophomore *Noah Morales* understands that working hard does pay off in the long run especially when it comes to sports.

"I practice every day and I hope that it pays off so I can make the varsity team next season," Morales said.

Dressing for both freshmen and JV teams, freshman *Tommy Sanborn* hopes that even though it's his first year on high school team, he'll go far with his career.

"I think I did really well this season overall, I started doing better towards the end of the season and I hope that with more practice, I'll be playing more with JV," Sanborn said.

While hoping to catch a spot on

next season's teams aren't players only drive to be successful in everything they do; their role models are a key player in what keeps them going.

"I look up to Kobe Bryant because he is so passionate about playing, and does whatever it takes to succeed and I hope that I can be like him someday," Morales said.

"I really admire Kyle Irving, he's a really good player and has a kind personality, he's an all-around good guy and works hard to achieve his goals," Sanborn said.

Some dreams reach past just making their high school teams. For Morales, it stretches past college and beyond. "I hope (playing basketball) does help me get into a college with a good team, or maybe I'll play overseas," Morales said.

STORY BY SAM RUDER



⇒ 4. *Artie Equihua* (9) catches a pass and tries to save the ball from going out of bounds. "I joined the team because it is a fun sport that I enjoy a lot. My mom played basketball when she was in high school and she was the one who got me interested," said Equihua.

⇒ 5. *Thayne Bukowski* (10) shoots a free throw during a junior varsity game. "What I like about basketball is the camaraderie of all of the teammates," Bukowski said. Bukowski plans to join varsity by working hard over the off-season.

Memorable Moments

With sophomore *Noah Morales*

- 1 Beating Merrillville at Merrillville
- 2 *Zack Lambert* (11) hitting a full court backwards shot
- 3 The sectional game
- 4 Eating Mrs. Kukubat's team meal
- 5 Having an overall great time



⇒ JV/Freshman Basketball 141



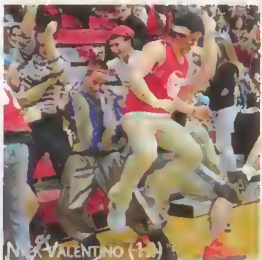
⇒ 3. *Coach Haas* talks to the freshman team during a time out at a game. The game was close and the coaches discussed what the team needed to do to win.

- ⇒ 1. The team huddles before the game starts. "Without that, we wouldn't go on the court with the intensity that we do normally," *Rade Jr. Kukobat (10)* said. "It wouldn't be the same without it." This is a tradition for the team.
- ⇒ 2. While guarding the ball, *Tommy Bardeson (12)* pivots to get around the opposing player. "Basketball has always been a love of mine and senior year was memorable considering it was my last year here and on the court," he said. Bardeson won't be continuing into college ball.



Do the Harlem Shake

When the boys were playing Chesterton, the student section broke out into the famous Harlem Shake during halftime.



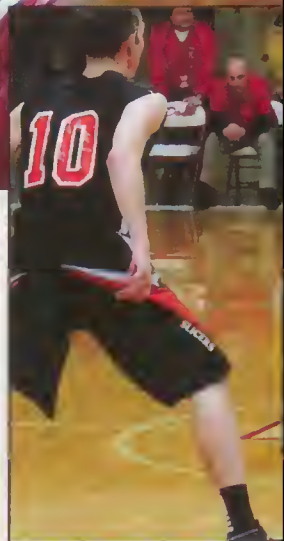
Dribbling to the top

Basketball is an activity junior *Bret Barclay* knows like the back of his hand. Barclay started playing basketball at the age of four, and won national championship two summers ago. He never takes a break from basketball by always being motivated. "I want to keep playing because it's fun but when people say that I can't do something, it makes me motivated to do it," Barclay said.

Height: 6'6

Weight: 210 lbs

Shoe Size: 13



Rising above the Odds

Through a tough season that pushed many of the players over their limit, the varsity squad managed to stick together and plan on practicing to get better for next year

The season was filled with trial and error for the varsity squad this year. The team finished with a record of 5 and 16.

The team struggled with numerous amounts of injuries throughout the year, which made it tough for them to get the experience practicing with each other.

"We had about seven injuries this season that were random and only lasted for a couple weeks or so. That made it really difficult for the guys to have a consistent amount of practicing time with those who were hurt," *Coach Clint Swan* said.

The team suffered a close loss at the first game of sectionals, which was very heartbreaking for many of the players.

"We had a really tough season, and it was really disappointing to lose that early in the postseason, but in the end we were a great team," junior *Pj Phelps* said.

In many varsity sports, the seniors

are somewhat the key assets to the team, because they tend to have the most experience on the varsity level.

"I think one of the main reasons we struggled as much as we did this year, is because we lost a lot of seniors last year, and we didn't have that many at all this year. That always has a huge impact," *Swan* said.

Despite their harsh season, the players always knew how to have fun and make the most out of their time together.

"At practices we would always joke around and have a good time. When it came to games we would try and act a little more serious, but we all would have nerves, so we still even in pressure situations we tried to lighten up the mood," junior *Nick Hanlon* said.

Even after a difficult season, the Bulldogs stuck together as a team.

STORY BY PAIGE NESEMEIER



⇒ 3. As he carries the ball down the court, *Alex Nickla* (12) tries to juke out the other team. "Our ability to maintain the same caliber of effort as a unit while having a lot of fun is going to be hardest part to get past," Nickla said. "Basketball becomes a part of our lives."



⇒ 4. During the game against Lake Central, *Braxton Rice* (12) goes in for a lay-up. "I will miss the intensity of the games and my friends standing next to me on the court," Rice said. He had been on the basketball team for all four years of his career here at CPHS.

⇒ 5. *Nick Jeffirs* (10) powers past his opponent in hopes of making a lay-up. "It was a really tough, physical game. We were both working to get an important win," he said.

Towering Heights

6'8	Rade Kukobat (10)
6'6	Bret Barclay (11)
	Noah Burkholder (10)
6'5	Braxton Rice (12)
	Tom Bardeson (12)
	Nick Jeffirs (10)
6'2	Zach Plesac (12)
	Zack Lambert (11)
6'1	Josh Berquist (10)
5'11	PJ Phelps (11)
	Nick Hanlon (11)
5'10	Alex Nickla (12)

He loved to watch me play so it's like a little part of him with me" Enish said.

A basketball player in a white jersey with "DOGS" on it is on the floor, reaching for a basketball. A player in a dark jersey is in the background.



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⇒ 4. *Katie Howard* (10) throws the ball into a team mate. "This was one of the hardest games we had all year," Howarth said. "We knew it was going to be a challenge so we practice really hard, but unfortunately we didn't win."

⇒ 5. *Abby Kvachkoff* (11) attempts to get past the Michigan City defenders surrounding her. "Basketball is definitely the most tiring sport I play," Kvachkoff said. "We run the most, and I hate running." Kvachkoff plays tennis and volleyball along with basketball.



IT'S W THE BAG

Senior Taylor Equihua discusses all of her basketball bag essentials.



Passing on a Family Tradition

Do you feel a lot of pressure knowing how well your brothers played in high school?

“There is a sense of pressure, but I probably put the most pressure on myself more than everyone else. I have to push myself so I can be as good as my brothers.”



Coming from a family who has made such an impact on Crown Point basketball, freshman *Hannah Albrecht* hopes to live up to her family's reputation

Who has had the greatest impact on you as a player?

“My grandpa has definitely had the biggest impact on me because he recently passed away and he was always pushing me to work harder in basketball. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for him. I can't thank him enough.”



Silly Slip-ups



5 injuries total

⇒ 1. *Lauren York* (9) dribbles towards the basket. "I was feeling nervous. Lake Central is one of our biggest competitions so the pressure was on," York said.

⇒ 2. Going for a rebound, *Kennedy Krutz* (9) reaches for the ball. "My heart was racing and I knew I didn't have a lot of time. Whatever I did, it had to be quick," Krutz said.



Making the Pass

Junior varsity and freshman girl's basketball players deal with and overcome the struggles of the sport and enjoy their relationships

For some athletes, their sport was their entire life. "I love the aggressiveness of basketball. You have to play so tough," sophomore and JV player *Lori Radiceska* said about her sport.

This passion was commonly sparked by a push from a parent. "I joined because my dad liked the sport a lot, and I used to play with him all the time, so I decided to play for school in 5th grade," sophomore *Katie Mellady* said. This push could have a lot of influence on the athlete. "My dad is my inspiration. He's always been the one coaching me and helping me along the way," Mellady said.

A large part of participating in a sport was overcoming many obstacles. "The hardest part of playing basketball

is probably getting everyone on the court to be on the same page," Radiceska said, "it's so hard to get everyone on the same page during a play."

Height could also be a struggle in a 6-foot dominant sport. "I'm only 5'4", so being the shortest on the team is a struggle," Radiceska said, "it's hard to rebound over everyone." However, she saw a bright side to the struggle too. "It's also an advantage with my dribbling, it's harder for others on the court to steal the ball."

The team made the struggles through the support of their teammates. "I love the connections and friendships have with my teammates," sophomore *Haley Stilley* said.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT

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⇒ 3. *Haley Arguelles* (9) block her opponent from making a basket. "I was all fired up. It felt great to play against such a hard working team," Arguelles said.



⇒ 4. Abby VanProoyen (9) makes a pass to her teammate under the basket. "My main priority at the time was getting her the ball so she could make a lay-up and score a point," VanProoyen said.

⇒ S. Lexi Carpenter (9) plays a whole game wearing a number that isn't hers. "I had to wear number 34 that day because I lost my uniform. It definitely felt weird and different but it didn't have an effect on the amount of effort I put into my performance," Carpenter said.



Short VS Tall

Height: 5'10" Reagan Holderby



"Some disadvantages is that you are not going to be a guard, you're going to be a rebounder," Reagan Holderby (9) said.

Haley ARGUELLES

"Sometimes short people are faster and it's easier for me to get up and down the court," Haley Arguelles (9) said.

Height 5'4"



Juggling Different Sports

Lexi Carpenter (9)
Cross Country and Basketball
"It's hard keeping my grades up because of practice right after school. It leaves less time to study and do homework, but sports keep me in line."

Katie Mellady (10)
Track and Basketball
"Being in track is really beneficial because it makes me faster in basketball. I use track to get in shape."

Maria Zembillas (10)
Quit Volleyball for Basketball
"I haven't been playing volleyball as long as I have basketball, so it wasn't as hard to quit. I felt like I did better after I quit because I could focus more in basketball and I didn't have to worry about volleyball anymore."

Cheering for a Much Larger Crowd

The cheerleaders face a change in audience as they travel to Texas for nationals

Stepping into the spotlight, the varsity cheer team took the floor at nationals. Being the second year in a row competing, the girls prepared for the intense competition they were faced with during the four days spent in Dallas, Texas.

The team used nationals as a time to not only compete with the skills they had been perfecting all year long, but also to bond with their team more than ever before.

"Going to nationals was really great, the team did so well and I had a lot of fun," Junior *Kathryn Foulds* said. It was Foulds's second time going to nationals. "Going away with my team is always a fun time; it was a really great bonding experience."

For some, it was the very first time ever competing at nationals. For sophomore *Ariana Anderson*, nationals was everything but a familiar experience. "This was my first time

going to nationals and I loved it," Anderson said. "The best part was staying at the hotel and spending time with all my teammates."

Nationals might have been a whole new territory for the team, but for freshman *Aaliyah Bruce* high school cheerleading is a completely new world. "This whole year has been crazy, from making the varsity team to going to nationals," Bruce said. "I am glad I've had the opportunity to compete with all my team mates and especially to experience the nationals competition. I've had such a blast this year."

As the competition came to a close, the girls' hard work soon paid off. The team was able to take tenth out of twenty- four other teams in their division and enjoy the time they spent with one another. "Overall, nationals was awesome," senior *Meagan Stinnett* said. "We placed really well and the team bonded. It was a great end to my senior year."

STORY BY SHELBY MCCUAN & RYLEE BALLARD

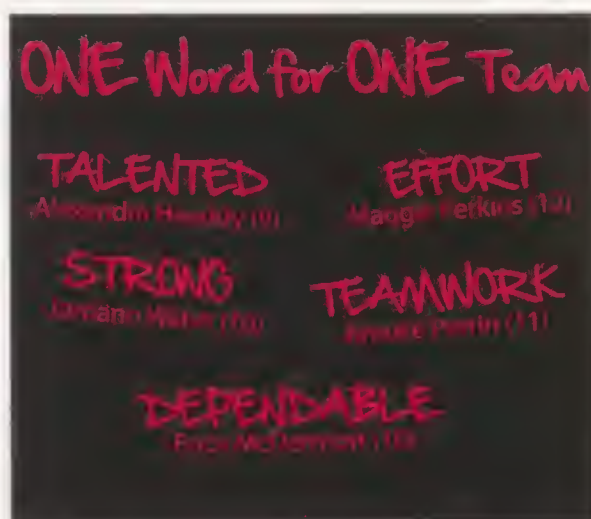
Knee'd to Succeed



Cheerleaders go through many steps to prepare themselves for competition. *Karlie Somerton* (10) shares her preparation rituals.

To Do List:

- morning practice
- go out to breakfast with mom
- do hair and makeup
- do team chant before we go on
- take a deep breath and perform



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REMEMBER WHEN?

Remember when we had a competition at Portage and we got first place after I hit my stunt?
Abi Bushman (9)

Remember when our team went to the apple orchard and *Bailey Jurasevich* (11) threw an apple and hit *Kylie Gamblin* (10)?
Julia Ferguson (10)

Remember when we were at nationals in Texas and we found a pool and jumped in it with our clothes on?
Taylor Rusak (11)

Remember when coach Sarah was counting for the dance and said "5,6,7,8,9?"
Sam Angel (12)



⇒ 1. Being lifted by her teammates, *Erica McDermott* (10) smiles for the crowd. "I love being a flyer because you feel like you're on top of the world," McDermott said. "It did take some time to trust that my team would catch me, but I think that's why we all have such a bond."

⇒ 4. After finishing their performance at nationals, the cheer team shows off their trophy. "Honestly, nationals was the greatest experience of my life," *Sam Tayler* (10) said. "I had so much fun and if I could do that every weekend I definitely would." The team won 10th place at nationals in Texas.



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⇒ 2. Goofing around at Kiddy Camp, *Sam Angel* (12) teaches young aspiring cheerleaders. "Kiddy camp is great," Angel said. "It helps not only the little girls who want to be cheerleaders, but also the cheer program itself." The camp gives kids a chance to be exposed to a high school team, and see what competitive cheerleading is really like.

⇒ 3. While practicing in the pool, cheerleaders lift *Taylor Rusak* (11) while at nationals in Texas. "Nationals was such a fun experience," Rusak said. "The team really bonded when jumping in the pool and just having fun." The cheerleaders stopped at the pool in between their competitions in Texas.

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Portrait of a CHEERLEADER

Sophomore Courtney Maluchnik discusses what it takes physically to be a great cheerleader

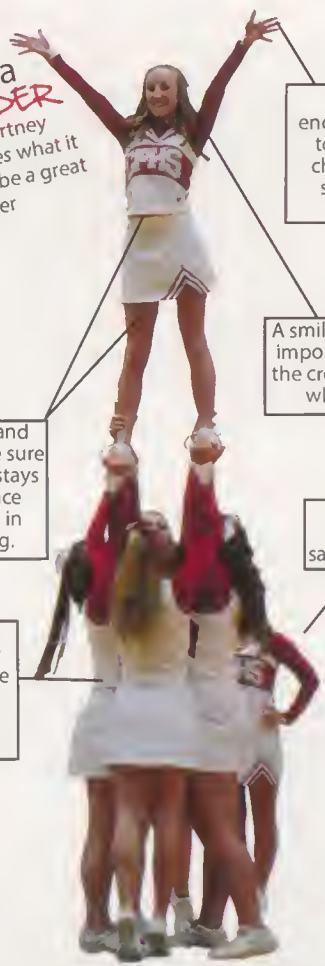
Spread hands encourage the crowd to join in with the cheer. A closed fist shows more of a serious cheer.

A smile is incredibly important to show the crowd we enjoy what we do.

Straight legs and tight hips make sure a cheerleader stays steady. Balance is everything in cheerleading.

A spotter ensures the safety of a flyer.

Our base is of course incredibly important because it keeps the flyer up in the air and balanced.



A True Bulldog

The bulldog, being our one and only mascot, has a huge responsibility from pumping up the crowd during games to spreading spirit throughout the school. When *Katie Chimitris* took this important role in 2009, it was a dream come true. "Katie is the biggest fan at CPHS for any sport and when she started to wonder who the bulldog was, we had to ask the office," Mrs. Hanlon said, "She really wanted to do this and I helped her persuade Mr. Pettit." Katie was nominated for the role by Mrs. Hanlon and Dr. Ban.



BLAKE KOOI'S Top Five

- ① Making it to the Final Four
- ② Winning the DAC and being undefeated
- ③ Winning sectionals 3 times and regionals 4 times
- ④ Being 1st team all-state
- ⑤ Having a great time with all the players and coaches every year



⇒ 1. *Jessica Wayman* (9) performs at a basketball halftime show. "High school is very different from middle school because it is more serious, harder, and more nerve wracking," Wayman said. Wayman plans to continue to dance throughout high school.

⇒ 2. *Alayna Lilovich* (12) and the dance team perform their pom routine. "We got the routine over the summer, but it only takes a day to learn and a few months to master," Lilovich said. With their season coming to an end, she, along with the other seasons, prepared for their last performances.



Heels Over Head

The girls dance team dominates state with a sport that has you heels over head and kicking crazy

To some, dancing is an exhilarating way to just let loose and show off some of their groovy moves to their favorite jam. But in difference to the normal, the dance team dances to a different tune.

It isn't quite free styling to their favorite song. Instead, it's uniforms, team work, and practice, practice, practice.

The famous sports quote, "Practice makes perfect," are three advised words that the dancers can definitely say they follow.

"We practice about three to four hours every day when nationals is coming up. The pressure to do well is on but we usually manage to prove to the nation how good we are," junior *Beth Muller* said.

But it wasn't all practicing that played a helpful role for the dancers, teamwork was their icing on the cake.

"Looking back to the summer up till now, we came together as a whole. And

with each moment we got with each other, really helped us grow as dancers," freshman *Haileigh Darnell* said.

Besides the sweat-working practice and teamwork, what is a team without a little inspiration?

"The crowd is my inspiration, their love and support is what helps build me up, and makes me motivated," junior *Jamie Cocking* said.

Practice, teamwork, and a little motivation were the three key ingredients to perfect their recipe for success.

"The best moment of the season was sitting on the floor at state and hearing our named get called for first place in poms," senior *Cassie Bartlett* said.

Due to their success filled season, the girls earn their bragging rights of multiple high scores of first and second place awards, proud memories, and a family to look back on.

2. D. CASILLAS
3. D. CASILLAS

⇒ 3. The dance team performs a kick line during a halftime show. "These costumes don't have a skirt because they are for our kick competition," *Nadia Giedemann* (11) said.



⇒ 4. At the basketball game, *Hannah Montemayor* (12) and the varsity dance team perform on their senior night. "I dance because there is always something to strive for," Montemayor said.

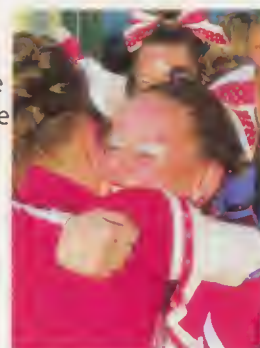
⇒ 5. *Malayne Rybolt* (11) performs with the dance team in special T-shirts for the white-out game. "I have been dancing for 14 years. I love performing and feeding off of the adrenaline of the other girls," Rybolt said.



Dressing for SUCCESS

When you want to leave an impression, having flashy costumes is the way to go. The JV dance team had two uniforms: one for their jazz routine and one for pom. "The pom uniform is my favorite because it stands out at competitions with the rhinestones and a big CP written on it," said junior *Lauren Hasse*.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



KICKING Down the House

The dance team sweeps the competition at nationals

The dancers knew that they had what it took to win at practice and proved themselves at competition in New Castle. In the final competition of the season, the varsity team won first in both pom and kick. On the other

hand, JV placed first in pom and third in jazz. "Afterwards, a lot of us were crying because of how happy we were with our performance," said sophomore *Ashley Kohler*. In a fantastic way to end the season, the girls scored higher than they have in past years.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



⇒ 1. *Emily Langston* (12) begins her routine on the balance beam. "I love all the girls on the team," Langston said, "Megan Supan (12) and I have been friends for a long time, and we all challenge each other to get new skills."

⇒ 2. *Natalie Groff* (11) displays her emotions in the middle of her routine on the uneven bars. "Bars is pretty fun because sometimes when you start swinging a lot it feels like your flying," Groff said.



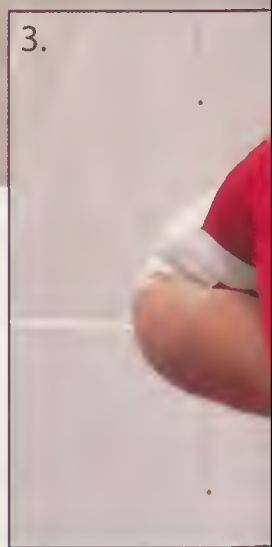
Balancing the **Beam**

Senior *Megan Supan* attempts to balance her school work and athletic performances by:



1. Working out and practicing with the team after school and during the summer.

2. Managing to fit in time for homework following after school practices.



The **Routine** Takes the Top



"My favorite routine is beam because we have the most problems on it and when we do good it will help us win,"
-*Sam Nicol* (11)



"My favorite routine is vault because everybody gets two chances to win,"
-*Brianna Kamlieter* (10)

Shifty Routines

After many hours of hard work, the gymnastics team finally reached their goal of making it to regionals

The girls' gymnastics team has put in a lot of time and dedication to make it all the way to regionals and place third at sectionals. It was a huge accomplishment for the whole team. "It felt really good to make it to regionals because we worked hard to get there as a team," sophomore Brianna Kamlieter said.

To get the girls prepared for regionals, their coach wanted a way to motivate them more by doing a mock meet. They had to pretend they were at an actual meet and their coach was a judge. To get them even more motivated, their coach pulled in the boys that were in the weight room to watch to add to the pressure that was already there. "It was really embarrassing at first, but I knew it would help us," junior Samantha Nicol said.

Many teams have their own pregame ritual they do before they go out for the big game or meet for

good luck. The gymnastics team is no different. "Usually on the way there, we find something that we all do at the same time like eat a mint or chocolate," Nicol said, "before we go on floor we all take a shot of honey. We have really weird things that we do."

Each team has their own personalities, but the gymnastics team likes to have fun no matter where they're at. "We like to try to start dance parties at all the meets and get the other teams to join us too," sophomore Jordan Kulcher said. "Our team together is a lot of fun because we all get along really well. The other teams notice how outgoing we can be," Nicol said.

Freshman Hannah Best was the only girl to make it to state and she got a 9.5 on floor and placed fifth. "Just making it to regionals was a huge accomplishment for the whole team because we haven't made it in a long time."

STORY BY JEN TSOUKLIS

5. D. CASILLAS



⇒ 4. Hannah Best (9) struts her stuff on beam, helping her make it to state. "We have a closer team. Even if it's the freshmen and seniors, we're just all really close and we all work really hard," Best said. Best continued to state with a 9.5 on floor, finished 5th

⇒ 5. Britnee Miles (11) shows some sass while performing her routine on the balance beam, though her favorite event is the floor. "I love the floor because you get to show off and not hold anything back," Miles said.

⇒ 3. Sam Nicol (11) leaps into the air while performing her favorite event. "I like beam the best because that's what we have the most problems with. If we do well on beam, then we know we could win," Nicol said. The team continued to regionals.

The Senior Struggle

Gymnasts cope with the bitter sweetness of senior night.



"I'm really glad I did gymnastics all four years. I'm really going to miss the coaches and the girls."

- senior Emily Langston



"A lot of the girls I've been with since I was little, so it's going to be hard leaving them." - senior Megan Supan

⇐ Gymnastics 147

⇒ 1. The boys gather around the table and pose for a senior picture. The team celebrated senior night before their game.

⇒ 2. Ben Sarbieski (11) tends the goal during a match. "Goaling tending is overall very physically demanding with pain, but it's worth it when the final buzzer rings and you're the winning team," Sarbieski said.

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⇒ 3. Daniel Aultman (12) and his teammates discuss a call with the referees of the game. "Playing defense is harder because you skate backwards, but it's also easier because you don't do as much work as offense," Aultman said.

⇒ 4. Tim Yokovich (12) poses for pictures with his mom and dad during senior night.



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Like Father Like Sons



High school is the time where teens like to branch out and not spend as much time with their families. The Lochers, however, did not follow that and spent more time together by bowling.

It all started when *Dwayne Locher*, began bowling while in the Marine Corps.

"Me and my brothers have been bowling between 15 and 17 years but my dad has been doing it for a lot longer," senior *Matt Locher* said. "He taught us when we were younger and it has stuck ever since."

Bowling was their passion and their life. During the summer the Lochers bowl three to four nights during the week and during the school year they bowl two nights a week.

Matt spend countless hours bowling with his dad and looks up to him.

"He is my biggest help and inspiration in bowling and I always do much better when with him."

STORY BY ALEXIS HESSER

Living in the Lane

When most people think of sports teams and leagues, they rarely think of bowling first. For senior *Shelby Lawson* that was not the case.

"Bowling is fun and it is not as serious as most sports. As a team we are all friends and we are close," senior *Shelby Lawson* said.

Like the Lochers, bowling was a family sport.

"I've been bowling since I was five," Lawson said. "My older sister was on the team so I joined it and my younger sister will be

on it when she gets to high school."

The team got very close over the season and had fun at not so serious times, such as their Christmas party.

"The Christmas parties are always fun," Lawson said.

Spending time together was a highlight of the year for team as a whole.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



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A Stately Upset

The hockey team pushes through the season struggling to keep the wins coming in, but the state championship left them heart-broken

A painful event can leave memories that last forever and the hockey team would remember the state championship title that almost was.

The team was made up of people from all over the region. The players came together and to play and practice at the Midwest ice rink.

"It's different. Most teams come from the same school," senior *Timmy Yokovich* said. "It's not a bad thing though, we get to meet people from all over. It is also interesting to see how other schools do things in comparison to us."

The team had a rocky, very unpredictable season. In the first ten games, the team record was 9-1. After their tie against Nobelsville, the team went on a long losing streak.

"We struggled at one point in the season," senior *Robert Mazzaro* said. "We need to improve as a team and

communicating."

The rest of the season was unpredictable. They won and lost close to an equal amount of games and finished February with a record of 15-20-7.

The team attributes a lot of their success to their coaches.

"They were great coaches that knew a lot about the game," Mazzaro said.

In the state finals, the team was favored to win against their opponent, South Bend Adam Eagles.

"It was really heart-breaking making it all the way and then losing," Yokovich said. "We all thought we would win going into the game."

Yokovich added that the Eagles got a three goal lead before the Bulldogs could score their first point.

"We knew by the third goal that the game and our season was pretty much over," Yokovich said.

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING

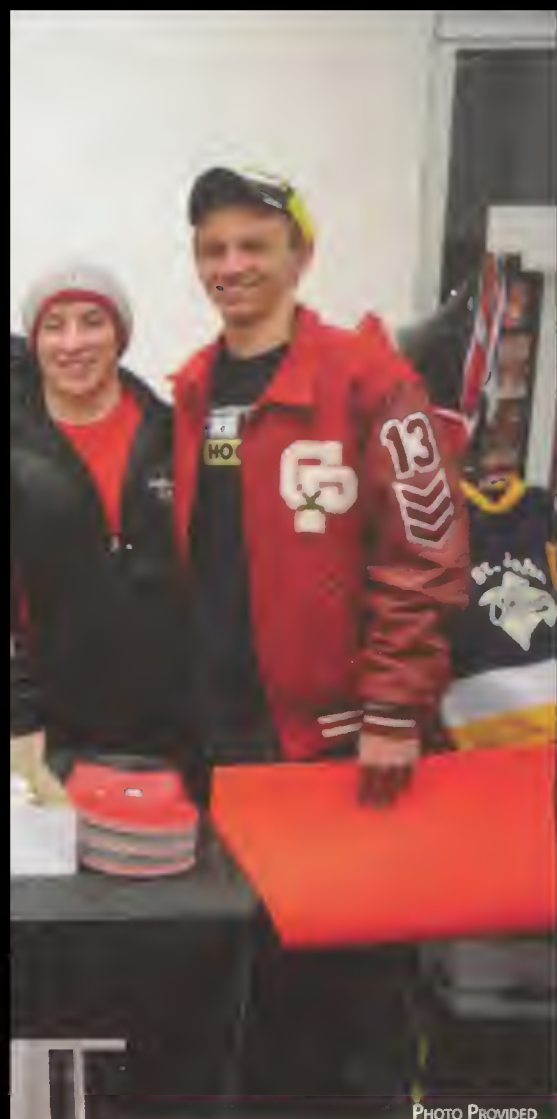


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Varsity Hockey
Record
15-20-7
Wins Losses Ties

Who are the
players?

Bernie Gromala
#2

Johnny Supan
#5

Mitch Witham
#89

Andrew Elliot
#91

Tim Yokovich
#97

Spencer Pilariski
#98

Robert Mazzaro
#41

Ben Sarbieski
#14

Pulling it All Together

Junior varsity coach, Bill Rankin talks about coaching the team



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"I've been playing hockey for 15 years and a coach for the past 3. I played 3 years for Crown Point and helped them to their first state championship in the 2003/04 season.

I don't find it difficult coaching athletes from different schools. My captains have always done a great job of bringing the team together. My favorite thing about coaching hockey is putting different lines together during a game to find that right combination of players that will give us an upper hand."

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⇒ Winter Sports

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Chesterton L	Laporte Relays -	Lake Central W
Munster Relays	Second	Michigan City W
Invite - Second	Portage W	
Valparaiso W	Laporte W	
Highland W	Highland Invite -	
Merrillville W	Second	
Rensselaer W	Lowell W	

Jordan Andras, Justin Andras, Alex Beckham, Brandon Bernhardt, Brandon Botts, Colin Caudillo, Ryan Czarnecki, Chris Davis, Brandon Dwyer, Scotty Foster, Sam Freeman, Andrew Gianfermi, Joel Gintzler, Corey Hawkins, James Haywood, A.J. Huls, Nick Huls, Joey Karczewski, Tino Karadakoski, Joey Krampen, Travis Kucic, Corey Kuhlman, Jake Lambert, Alex Kutemeier, Andrew Kvachkoff, Daven Lilovich, Niko Lilovich, Matthew Lippy, Greg Logothesis, Tom Lugo, Johny Lynk, Lucas Mills, Nicholas Morin, Matt Mosak, Ben Ortiz, Taylor Schooler, Joey Schultz, Garret Shoemaker, Caleb Smoot, Zak Strine, Clayton Trulley, Xavier Vela, Robert Victor, Cameron Watson, Ben Wellman, Brenton Yeager

Boys' Swim & Dive



Records were not available.

First Row: Jackie VanDerway, Brooke Klran, Alex St. Amour, Sidney Reyes. Second Row: Sarah Scazny, Priscilla Rodriguez, Alyssa Click, Kelly Kislowksi. Third Row: Terese Sinal, Andie Miller, Rachel Pudlo, Sam Swenton, Maddy Fernandez, Cara Click, Bryon Angerman, Bryon Tripppeer. Fourth Row: Jessica Lee, Sam Gill, April Przyborski, Vanessa Haro, Alyssa Barancyk, Caroline Lodovisi, Alex Fleming. Fifth Row: Holly Schuster, Mandy Macfarlane, Rachael Bukowski, Mackenzie Artim, Emily Dykstra, Aly Tetzloff, Abby Wellman, Ashley Holland, Danielle Yagelski.

Girls' Swim & Dive



Valpo L	Merrillville W
LaPorte W	
Chesterton W	
Portage L	
Lake Central W	
Michigan City W	
Hobart W	

First Row: Casey Biszczak, Jordan Kulcher, Kara Biernat, Kyrstin Jajowka, Sylvia Schmid, Alyssa Hemminger, Hannah Best. Second Row: Brianna Kalmieter, Elyse Feder, Sam Nicol, Megan Supan, Emily Langston, Brianna Hemminger, Brittnee Miles, Natalie Groff, Lexi Berdine, Coach Martin.

Gymnastics



Kokomo W	Lake Station W	Merrillville L
Dekalb W	Floyd Central W	Portage W
Eastside W	Portage W	Lowell W
Warsaw W	Franklin L	Rensselaer W
LaPorte W	Westfield W	Michigan City W
Stagg Tourney - First	Lake Central W	Valparaiso W
Chesterton W	Cranahan - First	Merrillville W

First Row: Matt James, Riley Akers, Brett Ervin, Daylin Schurg, Zach Donaldson, Jared Swope, Jack McShane, Darden Schurg, Steven Chimitris, Tyler Nixon, John Ellison, Spencer Swope, Brennan Chaussey, Austin Torres. Second Row: Trainer Taylor Gernenz, David Kubiszewski, Jacob Hazi, Dax Jones, Ryan Sell, Seth Dee, Tyler Burlison, Matt Langbehn, Dustin Schurg, Dan Hartman, Matt Bakker, Josh Fuqua, Tyler Hendrickson, Patrick McLaren, Trainer Joelle Takacs. Third Row: Coach Scott Vlink, Coach Branden Lorek, Noe Madrigal, Derek Scott, Mahailo Bradash, Anthony Flynn, Denton Schurg, Steven Potosky, Morgan Kral, Jesse Torres, Jacob Voss, Tommy Myers, Quentin Klingberg, Trevor Burlison, Nick Hollis, Coach Jake Rodriguez, Coach Josh Graegin.

JV/Varsity Wrestling



Bartlett 5th
Oak Park 3rd
CP Invite - Austin
Torres, Brennan
Chaussey, Derek
Scott, Matt Bakker

First Row: Gerardo Medrano, Alex Manchak, Chase Campbell, Max Bell, Mauricio Encisco. Second Row: Cory Penkala, Nick Lucas, Colin Camplin, Aaron Boudreau. Third Row: Coach Lorek, Keaton Keiser, Tyler Fuller, Jeremy Flynn, Coach Josh Graegin.

Freshman Wrestling



UDA North Shore Challenge - Second	UDA Chicagoland Competition -	Sixteenth Pom Lake Central
Clark Invitational- First Kick, Second	Second Pom, Fourth Kick	Invitational - First
Pom	National Dance	North Regional - First
Munster Invitational - First	Championships - Seventh Kick,	Kick, Second Pom
		State Championship - State Champions

First Row: Hannah Montemayor, Natalie Metlov, Alayna Lilovich, Blake Kooi. Second Row: Hanna VanProoyen, Brianna Walters, Jamie Cocking, Alex Swallers, Tobey Schmidt, Malayne Rybolt. Third Row: Haleigh Darnell, Nadia Giedemann, Ashley Kohler, Valerie Jones, Kathy Cacovski, Anna Surufka, Beth Muller, Jordan Vinovich.

Varsity Dance



⇒ Winter Sports

Reference

LaPorte	Indiana State
Invitational - First	Competition -
Midwest Hoosier	Participant
Open - Second	NCA Nationals -
Purdue Competition-	Tenth
Sixth	

First Row: Aaliyah Bruce, Allie Kontor, Brianna Hemminger, Sam Angel, Dayna Justice. Second Row: Ariana Anderson, Brooke Perrin, Katie Francis, Rachel Steiger, Meagan Stinnett, Taylor Franks, Sam Tayler. Third Row: Taylor Rusak, Sarah Pascarella, Maggie Perkins, Sam Richey, Kathryn Foulds, Kennedy Tolbert.

Varsity Cheer



LaPorte Invitational
- Second
Midwest Hoosier
Open - First
Purdue Competition
- Second

First Row: Courtney Maluchnik, Alyssa Hemminger, Becky Biancardi, Vivica Soria, Kenzie Dross, Jordan Walsh. Second Row: Becky Poplawski, Kylie Gamblin, Julia Ferguson, Claire Atherton, Kayla Greep, Karlie Somerton. Third Row: Megan Wilczynski, Hannah Karagias, Kendal Eaton, Hayley Borowski, Hannah Franklin, Bailey Jurasevich, Olivia Chambers.

JV Cheer



LaPorte Invitational
- Second
Midwest Hoosier
Open - First
Purdue Competition
- Second

First Row: Leonie Osthus, Valentina Coni, Laura. Second Row: Abi Bushman, Amy McNally, Alex Headdy, Celine Certa. Third Row: Sophie Nonos, Alyssa Toth, Valerie Babchuk, Hannah Nottingham, Sydney Renner, Haley Grubbs.

Freshman Cheer



South Bend	Merrillville L	Merrillville L
Washington L	Chesterton L	LaPorte L
LaPorte W	Portage W	Lowell L
Hammond Morton W	Lake Central L	Chesterton L
Lake Central L	Michigan City L	Boone Grove W
Valparaiso L	East Chicago	Merrillville W
Michigan City L	Central L	Boone Grove W
Griffith W	Boone Grove W	Merrillville W

First Row: Alex Nickla, Josh Berquist, Tom Bardeson, Zack Lambert, Nick Hanlon, PJ Phelps. Second Row: Nick Jeffirs, Braxton Rice, Rade Kukobat, Noah Burkholder, Bret Barclay.

Boys' Varsity Basketball



Wins 13
Loss 7

First Row: Blake Bonin, Josh Barrera, Skyler Smith, Billy Bernhardt, Chris Krutz. Second Row: Thayne Bukowski, Luke Decker, Skyler Smith, Artie Equihua. Third Row: Grant Gelon, Erik Eksten, Noah Morales.

Boys' JV Basketball



Portage W	Munster L	Hanover W
LaPorte L	Chesterton L	Valparaiso L
Lake Central L	Lake Central W	Lowell W
Valparaiso L	Chesterton L	Merrillville W
Michigan City W	Portage L	
Merrillville L	Michigan City L	
Kankakee Valley W	LaPorte L	

First Row: Brandon Leslie, Jacob Sobek, Logan Pitts, Blake Maris, Matt Wiegus, Evan Frank. Second Row: Jake Yelich, Leo Zdanowicz, Mark Mazure, Nate Hanlon, Thomas Kvachkoff. Third Row: Jesse Martin, John Sakaleros, Mike Wathier, Tommy Sanborn.

Boys' Freshman Basketball



⇒ Winter Sports

Reference

Munster L	Carmel L	Portage L
Andean W	Lake Central L	Michigan City L
Portage L	Valparaiso W	La Porte L
Chesterton L	Michigan City L	Valparaiso W
East Chicago W	Merrillville L	Merrillville L
Lowell L	Chesterton W	Michigan City L
La Porte L	Lake Central L	

First Row: Hannah Albrecht, Rachel Honaker, Ashley Cunningham.
Second Row: Kara Breuckman, Abby Kvachkoff, Katie Pawlowski. Third Row: Katie Howarth, Taylor Equihua, Katija Tarailo, Sarah Rivich, Miranda Elish.

Munster W	Carmel L	Lake Central L
Andean W	Lake Central W	Portage W
Portage W	Valparaiso W	Michigan City W
Chesterton L	Michigan City W	La Porte W
East Chicago W	Hobart L	Valparaiso L
Lowell W	Merrillville L	Merrillville W
La Porte L	Chesterton L	

First Row: Lori Radiceska, Kaitlyn Richwalski, Kennedy Krutz, Katie Mellady, Anna Eksten. Second Row: Coach Anne Equihua, Coach Scott Reid, Coach Josh Goeringer, Coach Chuck Smoljan, Coach Ken Wring. Third Row: Megan Morgan, Haley Stilley, Lily Wisniewski, Cynthia Kabella, Maria Zembillas.

Portage L	Kankakee Valley W	Valparaiso W
Merrillville W	Portage W	Michigan City W
Highland W	South Newton W	Hobart W
Lake Central L	Chesterton L	Hobart W
Valparaiso L	Munster W	Kankakee Valley W
Michigan City W	Lake Central L	
Merrillville W	Chesterton L	

First Row: Lauren York, Abby VanProoyen, Katelyn Hadu, Salma Espionza, Haley Arguelles. Second Row: Lexi Carpenter, Lizzy Rager, Coach Ken Wring. Third Row: Kelly Merill, Andrea Kutemeier, Reagan Holderby.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Girls' JV Basketball

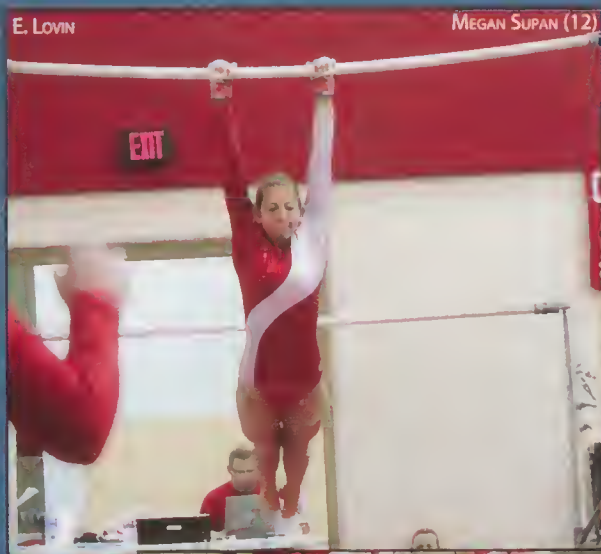
Girls' Freshman Basketball



State Champion in the
Junior Varsity Pom
category
JV Jazz category- 3rd

First Row: Lauren Hasse, Maggie Robinson, Danielle Espinoza, Cassie Bartlett, Mallory Stevenson. Second Row: Molly Schmidt, Jill Steiger, Chelsea Stinnett, Deja Kerns. Third Row: Abby Smith, Sami Kennedy, Sara Kwiatkowski, Jessica Wayman, Talia Green, Alexis Hernandez.

JV Dance





Ron Plesac (12)



E. LOVIN Melissa Fajman (9)



Karson Rice (10)

B. REYNOLDS

Swinging into Spring

While pushing through record low temperatures, immense amounts of rain, and many cancellations, the spring sports teams compete despite the complications

With temperatures at record lows, this was not your average Indiana spring. “This spring is so rainy and windy and cold,” senior *Nolan Bish* said. Track runners had a serious issue with this excessively-rainy season.

“The track season is so short that there’s really no time to make up meets because the moment one meet is over, you have to start preparing for the next meet and you have to hope you can squeeze a practice in between,” senior *Abigail Eineman* said.

Cancellations were obviously a huge concern for athletes, especially when meets could not be made up. “A lot of our matches got cancelled and now we only get to play conference matches,” junior *Abby Kvachkoff* said.

The softball girls were also largely

affected by the strange weather.

“The rain has definitely affected us. A lot of games have been cancelled and now we’re playing almost every day until sectionals,” junior *Amanda Rock* said, “It’s definitely affected us more than previous seasons, but we’re getting through it.”

The baseball players did their best to stick through the weather along with the softball girls. “We’ve missed about six games,” senior *Bobby Morgan* said, “We have to come inside and practice and it’s not the same as being outside. And missing games isn’t fun either.”

Overall, athletes pushed through the rough weather. “You’ve gotta do what you’ve gotta do to win,” senior *Daniel Walters* said, “We’re all going for the same goal.”

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT

“When an idea reaches critical mass there is no stopping the shift its presence will induce.”
—*Marianne Williamson*



4. E. LOVIN

⇒ 4. *Amber Haworth* (12) focuses during her match and takes her hit from the line. "Being challenged by players from different schools is my favorite part about tennis," Haworth said. The competition of others kept Haworth motivated through her games.

⇒ 5. *Abby Kvachkoff* (11) returns the ball to her opponent during a volley. "I like that it's more of an individual sport," Kvachkoff said. "It makes you have more responsibility for your game."



S.R. REITAN



E. LOVIN 3.

Like Father

Sophomore *Olivia Elston* started playing tennis in sixth grade with the support of *Brian Elston*, her dad and the girl's tennis coach. Few people get to experience this opportunity.

"I like my dad being the coach because I feel more comfortable, and it makes



Like Daughter

me try harder," Olivia Elston said.

Although Olivia is Brian's daughter, there's no special treatment on the court.

"I don't treat her differently, but it is cool to be able to go home and talk about tennis together. But I still call her a jag," Brian Elston said with a smile.

"My mom started me in tennis camps since third grade every summer. She played with me most days to help motivate me to play."
-**Senior** Taylor Green

Racking in the Awards

Sophomore *Katie Weller* has been playing tennis since she was 7 years old.

"I play tennis because it's fun and it's something you can continue to do for the rest of your life," Weller said.

Weller has won two major tournaments this year. She continued to practice in private lessons and worked hard every day.



⇒ 1. *Danielle Klawitter* (10) volleys the tennis ball during a doubles match. "I like doubles over singles because you can communicate with each other and help each other out," Klawitter said.

⇒ 2. Warming up for a match, *Madie Cleland* (11) hits the tennis ball to her opponent and practices her hitting technique. "This season I enjoyed interacting with my team members and going to the practices," Cleland said.

⇒ 3. *Helen Keilman* (9) awaits a ball while in her defensive stance. "I was inspired to play by the older girls in club," Keilman said. "They pushed me to make the decision to join."

Life Long Game

To some people, tennis is just a sport. But to sophomore *Ivanna Mileusnic* it is much more.

"I have been playing since I was 3 years old and I really love the sport," Mileusnic said.

Her partner also became her really good friend. "I prefer to have a partner because she always picks me up when I'm down," Mileusnic said.



For the Love of the Game

The girls tennis season brings forth new friendships and goals to make their season a memorable success

When it comes to being part of a team, many people form close relationships; they bond together because of their interests.

"It's a relaxed atmosphere and there are a lot of good people on the team," junior *Madie Cleland* said.

With such a great environment they developed friendships outside of the sport. "The best part was playing with a great team and all of the team bonding activities we did outside of practice," senior *Taylor Green* said.

Like most previous years, the girls formed a close bond during the season. "What I most enjoyed about this season is the group of girls on the team," sophomore *Patricia O'Brien* said.

It's easy to see why she enjoys the girls on the team; they are the ones who got her interested in

playing tennis in the first place.

"My friend got me involved," O'Brien said, "I was looking for a sport to play in the spring time to help with my other sport, cross country."

Some people enjoy playing multiple sports whereas others appreciate finding their favorite and running with it.

"No one really inspired me; I just tried all the sports out and ended up liking tennis more, so I stuck with it," Cleland said.

Working together for the same cause unites them as a team to become better, on and off the court.

Every player has worked through the sweat, tears, and challenge of becoming their best.

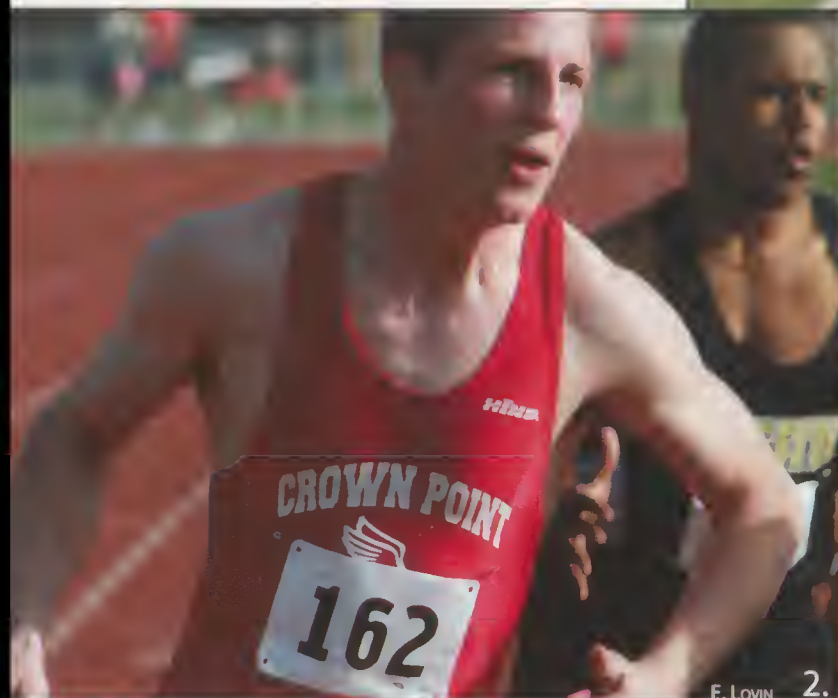
The team finished off their season with a 12-0 and 7-0 in their conference.

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY

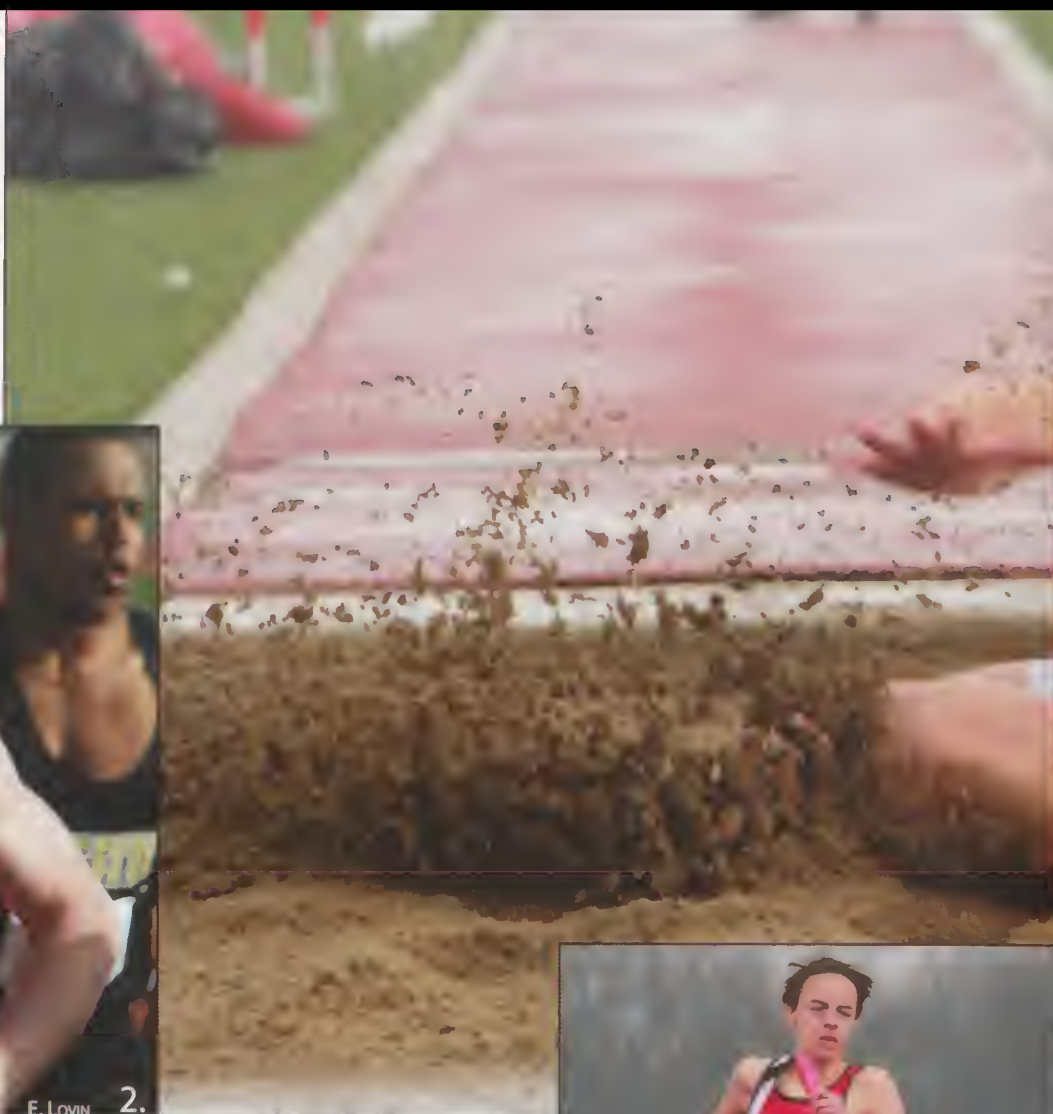


⇒ 1. *Tristan Peterson* (11) leaps into a wet sand pit. "I feel like I improved this season because I broke 40 seconds in the 300 hurdles and my team made the 4x1," Peterson said. Not only did the team make the 4x1, but they also broke the school record by sending 16 people to state.

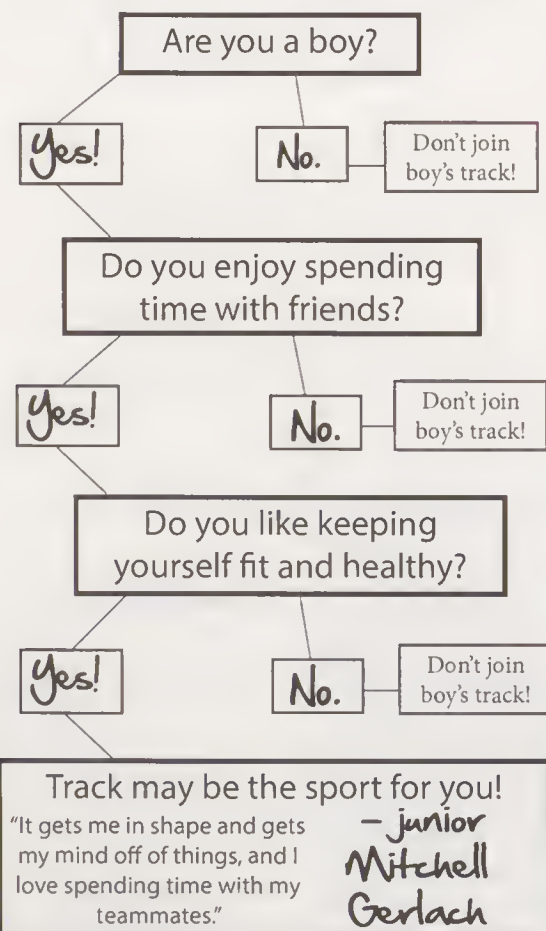
⇒ 2. *Zach Sneiderwine* (12) sprints past the competition. "The hardest part of track is competing in four matches in one meet. You have to run so much, and it's really difficult to keep your stamina up so you can do that," Sneiderwine said. "I enjoy the practices the most because everyone has fun and it is just a good environment."



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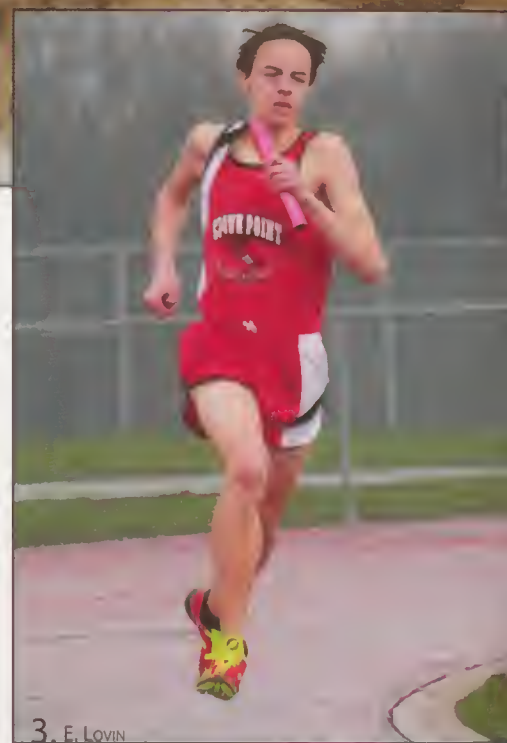


Should you join *Boy's Track*?



⇒ 3. *Jacob Langbehn* (10) races the with a baton through the rain. "I started track because I always thought I was good at running and I enjoy it," Langbehn said. His uncle influenced him because he used to run marathons.

⇒ 4. *Tylor Worley* (11) lunges himself as far as he can. "I like the feeling I get after track. It's hard but after the burn you get, it feels good you accomplished something like after a hard workout," Worley said. "I feel like I accomplished more this year than last year."



3. E. LOVIN

Setting the pole at a *New Record*

Jump over a pole, break a record, repeat. Pole vaulter *Jordan Kelly* did just that and broke an 18-year-old school record three times within his years of being in track.

"It's cool that I broke a record, but I stay humble about it," Kelly said. Kelly is ranked fourth in state and hopes to continue with his track endeavors in college.

Sprinting^{into} State

The boys track team made it a group goal to come together as a team and qualify for state once again

The boys made it a goal to compete at state again and they accomplished their goal. From morning practices to weight training with Coach Garrett, the boys did all they could to get to where they wished to be by the end of their season.

The team had 16 members qualify for state, which is not only a school record but a local record as well.

"It's a feeling that's indescribable," senior *Daniel Walters* said. "State is a do or die situation, everyone is pushing you."

To go to state, not only do the members have to be good, they have to be committed. Commitment shows that they are willing to work to achieve the goals they wish to accomplish. The team showed how hard they were willing to work to go to state again.

"Being there every day, running every day, running in the mornings,

and proving to yourself that you can be all that you can," senior *Travis Kucic* said.

"You have to work hard and have the passion to do it," junior *Mitchell Gerlach* said.

Spending so much time together could either make or break a team. For the boys, it brought them closer. Running every day in the mornings and after school, they had a lot of time to bond as a team.

"We are basically like one big family; we even have a team mom, *Daniel Walters*," junior *Tom Lugo* said.

"Track is like hanging out with your friends all the time," junior *Steve Potosky* said.

The boys' hard work paid off at state. They won third for the 4x8 relay and beat a school record while there.

The relay team consisted of *Zack Sneiderwine*, *Tristan Peterson*, *Nick Faso*, and *Wess Honaker*.

STORY BY JEN TSOUKLIS

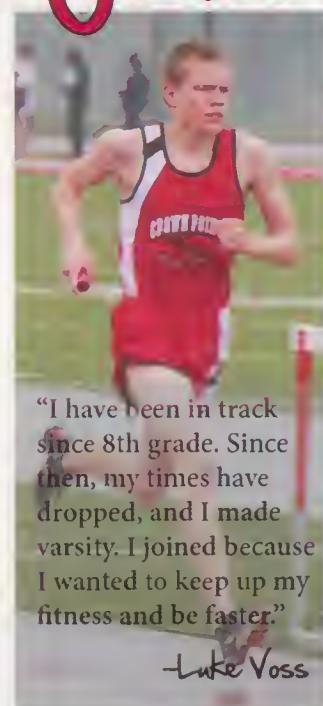
"Out with the old, In with the new."

The track team checks their pace while adjusting to this season's new coach *Nick Ciochina*.

"Teamwork plays a great part between Coach *Iddings* and Coach *Ciochina*," *Daniel Walters* said. "They push us to the limit and are very supportive and positive."



Improving
over the
Years



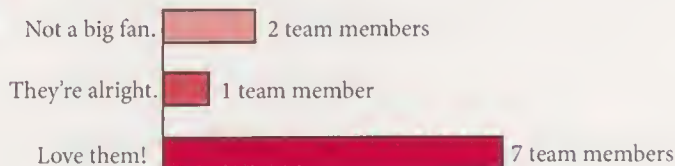
"I have been in track since 8th grade. Since then, my times have dropped, and I made varsity. I joined because I wanted to keep up my fitness and be faster."

-*Luke Voss*



We wear Short Shorts

What's your opinion of the track uniform?



⇒ 1. Striving to the finish line, *Lyndie Pierce* (11) pushes herself to complete her race. "I feel accomplished that all of our hard work paid off," Pierce said. "Mostly the other girls on my team gave me motivation because we all know what we're going through."

⇒ 2. *Kennedy Richardson* (9) pushes herself into the air while being on pole vault. "The thrill of going over the bar is hard," Richardson said. "My favorite memory so far was watching Mandy Komaskinski almost break a record in pole vault."



Flipping the Pole for the Record

Imagine being a freshman without having any type of experience in pole vault and tying a school record. *Mandy Komaskinski* (9) pole vaulted 10' 9", which was the record. Though she didn't height at state, she has high expectations for the future season.

"I plan on trying to break the record at 11," Komaskinski said. "It was a good experience."

Komaskinski refused to give the credit all to herself.

"Andre Hatami, Jordan Kelly, and Coach Beach helped me a lot," Komaskinski said. "Jordan and Andre were great leaders and role models. Coach Beach helped me improve and helped me pull through when I wanted to quit."

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS AND AMARA NATAL



Do you have a ritual you do before every meet?

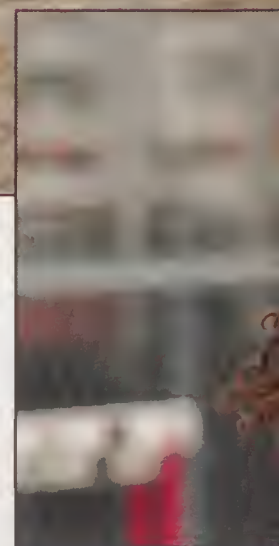


"I like to listen to my favorite song on the way to the meets. It helps get me pumped up and ready. At the same time, it also helps me calm my nerves before I throw,"

-Claire Syzfarcyk (10)

"I like to give myself and my teammates a pep talk before every meet, to encourage them to do their best. It makes me feel empowered and I have a chance to win,"

-Amber Willette (11)



Sprinting to the Finish

The girl's track team runs against the odds, receiving remarkable awards

Famous runner Steven Prefontaine once said, "To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift."

Every sports team has a period in which rebuilding is necessary. The girl's track team had their season revolve around this concept, while still reaching new bounds by sending a 4x400 relay down to state as well as freshman *Mandy Komaskinski* soaring to new heights as she tied the school's pole vault record.

Senior *Mikayla Marcinkowski* followed in her father and brother's footsteps by joining the track team. "When I was young, I always looked up to them . . . I wanted to be fast just like them," Marcinkowski said. "It feels great to be part of the state team. It means a lot to me, and made for an awesome senior year."

The post season allowed for the track team to grow stronger together,

as they moved through uncharted territory.

"Our pasta dinners before big races made for a great time, giving a universal feeling of camaraderie," junior *Abby Eineman* said. "Getting to take out competition alongside teammates made running in track very satisfying."

Junior *Juju Horn* had to battle her way up the physical game to keep on running. "I had surgery on my foot, rendering my running game a little behind," Horn said. "Coach Hattendorf was always there for me and helped me through my struggle."

The track team proved their worthiness through their dominance at competitions and by breaking school records. "Having the love for running is what drives our team and being able to be by their side for my last year was great," Marcinkowski said.

STORY BY NICHOLAS CAIN



⇨ 4. Leaping over the sand, Kate Casbon (9) heights for the long jump. "It's fun; I think I have potential," Casbon said. Casbon's best long jump record was 14' 2" in her first season at a meet against Merrillville.

⇨ 5. *Ally Carpenter* (12) races to the finish line against her Valparaiso opponent in the 1600 meter event. "All you think about is finishing. You have so much adrenaline and it doesn't even feel as if you're getting to the finish line," Carpenter said. To get motivated, Carpenter said hard work and training helped her.

What was the MOST memorable moment of the track season?

"The most memorable

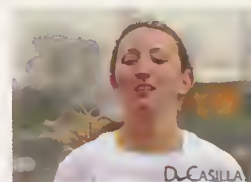


moment would have been when my DMR

(distance medley relay) broke the record at indoor state,"

- *Allison Wortel* (12)

"The most memorable moment was at regionals when we made it to



state. We had to be in the top three to make it,"

- *Mikayla Marcinkowski* (12)

⇨ Girls' Track 163

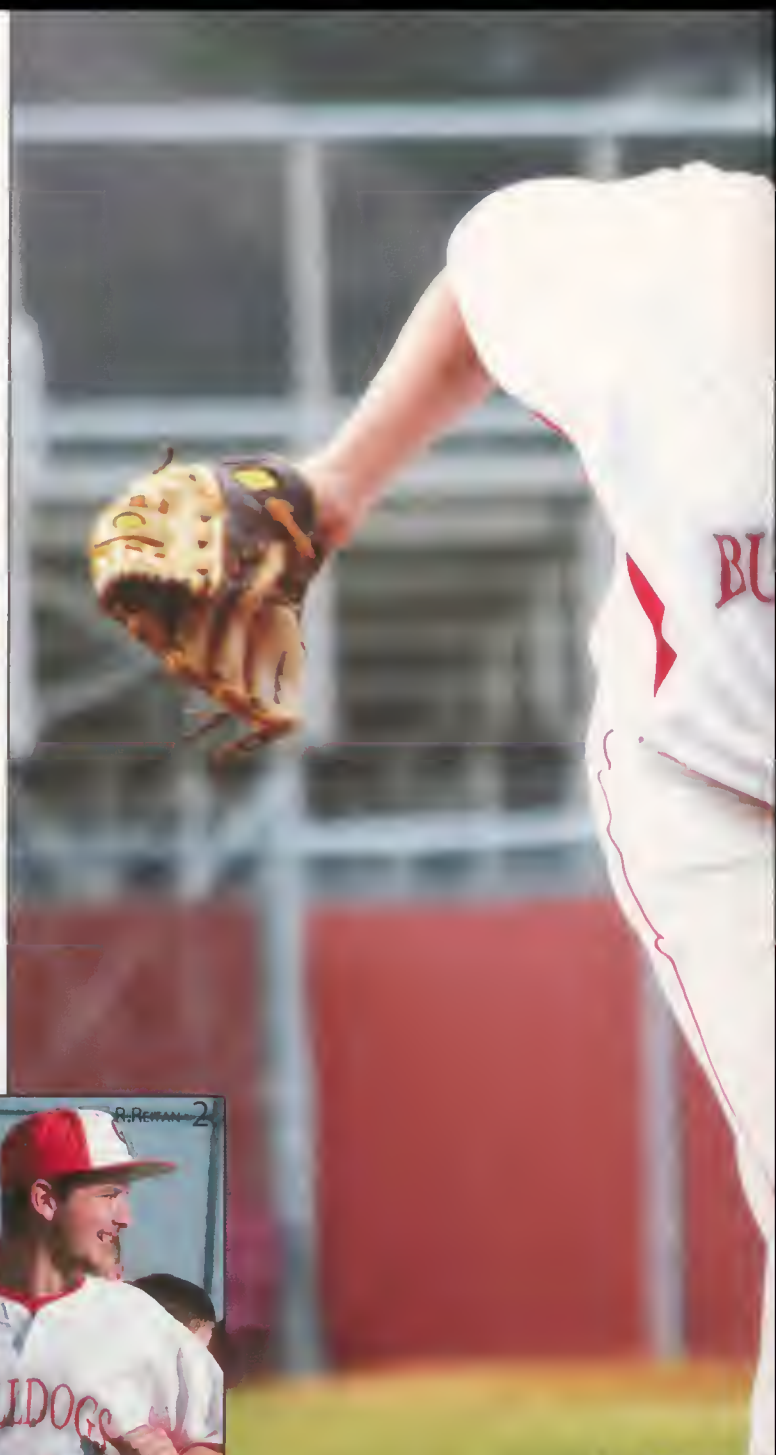
⇨ 3. Taking place in a track event, *Kayleigh Bostian* (12) runs to finish. "Listening to music and visualizing myself competing in the event helps me get motivated," Bostian said. "I'm going to miss it because I've dedicated so much time to the sport,"

⇒ 1. *Jake Jatis* (11) slides in, making a play against rival Valpo. "I have been playing since age 9. My dad wanted me to play," Jatis said. "It gives me confidence in what I do." Jatis is hoping to get a scholarship.

⇒ 2. *Markus Kessler* (12) jogs back to the dugout. "Baseball gets my mind off of school and other things," Kessler said. "Baseball is America's pastime." Kessler was influenced by his father, who also played baseball in his youth.



E. LOVIN 1.



A Way of Life

For senior *David Kepshire*, pitching is a priority. "I love pitching. It gives me the ability to control the speed and outcome of the game. It takes a lot of focus, hard work and control, not to mention incredibly good looks, but even after nine years I'm going to miss every aspect of the sport. It's the best thing I've ever done in my life. I've created the best friendships and made the best memories with my coaches and teammates," Kepshire said. He ended his senior year working to pull the bulldogs through their post-season rally.



3. R. REITAN





⇒ 3. Ron Plesac (12) winds down after a hard pitch. "This was a great season for us," Plesac said. "It was a great way to end my high school career."



⇒ 4. Jake Benich (11) sprints to a base during their senior night game. "This was a rebuilding year," Benich said. "But without the seniors, this team won't be the same."

⇒ 5. Tyler Downing (11) rounds third as he heads towards home to give his team another run. "It is the hardest game to play," Downing said. "It really is challenging." Downing has played baseball all his life.

Canceling Out the Competition

Due to the crazy weather this spring, the baseball team suffers many cancellations setting them over 10 games behind

The weather this year didn't exactly agree with the outdoor sports teams. With rain being very common on the radar, the fields were often flooded causing the outdoor games to be cancelled. Being set behind by over 10 games, the baseball team found it difficult to start their season.

"To make up for the cancellations we had to play nine games in a row," junior *Jake Benich* said. "It was really tiring. It wasn't a good way to start off our season at all."

With the start of their season being delayed, the bulldogs were hit with a delay to their mechanics.

"It was harder to get a sense of where we were," junior *Jake Ryan* said. "We didn't know if we were starting off the season well. We didn't know if we were behind because of our skills, or because we were so thrown off by the cancellations of so many games."

The team took their delays hard as they started off their season a unsure about where they stood. With hard work and determination the dogs pulled their way through, skyrocketing their record and grabbing multiple wins.

"We were really unprepared because we didn't know what to expect," junior *Logan Grapenthien* said. "We weren't sure if everyone else was as far behind skills-wise because they were set behind too."

Many of the underclassmen agree that the seniors took Coach Strayer's advice and viewed this season as a rebuilding year.

"They really gave us a great example," Ryan said. "They had to work really hard to rebuild from last year, they were great leaders."

Although the team started off behind, they pulled through making it a season to remember.

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR

TWIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plesac twins dominated high school baseball and made their way onto the college scene



ZACH

Zach Plesac received a full-ride scholarship to Ball State University in Muncie. He also received a scholarship to play over the summer in Ohio on an elite team.

RON

Senior Ron Plesac received a scholarship to Parkland Community College in Illinois. Ron hopes to go on to play at Ball State as well after his freshman year in college.





4. R. REITAN

⇒ 1. *Logan Grapenthien* (11) winds up for the pitch. "I've been pitching since I was young and my coaches always kept me very motivated and pushed me to be better," Grapenthien said. Having all of his family and coaches with him through his baseball career made it a better experience.

⇒ 2. As the team huddles up for a group photo, *Thayne Bukowski* (10) follows to his teammates. "Anyone in Major League Baseball inspires me because they've had to work so hard to get there," Bukowski said. This motivated him to do his best during the season.



2. E. LEVIN



E. LEVIN

Digging them out of the **Dugout**

"The most exciting part about playing is the feeling of winning a game," junior *Michael Sullivan* said. He has been playing since he was 5 years old.

"It's a really fun sport and it's a good way to hang out with some guys and be competitive."

-*Sophomore Jonah Campbell*



R. REITAN



⇒ 3. Andrew Atchison (10) waits for the pitch. "My dad inspired me to play," Atchison said, "He always pushed me to do my best." Having his dad by his side really inspired him to keep motivated.

⇒ 4. While looking at the pitch Jacob Kocher (11) thinks about what motivates him during game time. "The love of the game is what keeps me playing, I think everything in about it is fun." He really enjoys baseball and his team.



Get To Know Mitchell Kooi

1st Baseman

Pitcher

Six Foot One

185 Pounds

Number 11

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Batting involves different techniques for each individual player.

"For me, it constantly changes depending on the pitch. Sometimes I have to choke up on the bat and other times I have to position my hands a certain way," freshman Evan Frank said.

Storming through the Season

As cloudy skies and rain held back the JV and freshman baseball team, the players did their best to wait out the delays

As baseball season approached, the players were excited to get on the field and start their season only to be disappointed by many cancelled games. After seven freshman games, and six junior varsity games were cancelled, it almost seemed like the season would never begin.

Although the beginning was a little rough, with the JV team going a whole seventeen days without any games, the boys did their best to keep their heads up.

"I was a little disappointed, but it was kind of good because we can always use the extra practice, but I mean who doesn't want to play?" junior Dale Wentz said.

The freshman team didn't get by easier, but with the help of the coach, Scott Rettig, attempting to keep the team motivated, it didn't seem so bad.

"I tried to make things fun at practices by having competitions or sometimes doing scrimmage games since we couldn't play real ones," Rettig said.

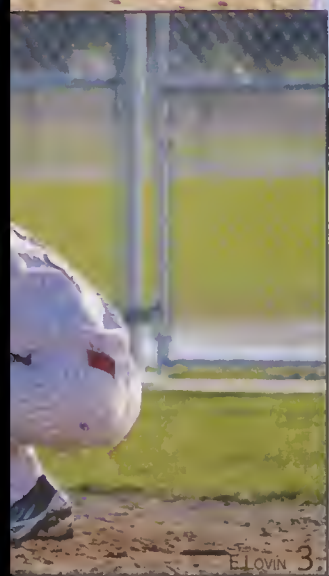
As the weather cleared up, the boys finally got into their season. The junior varsity team had the extra stress of having double headers to make up for their missed games. Even though it was a lot of hard work, the players made the best of it.

"It gets tiresome after a while, but it's worth it. We went on a streak and never stopped winning games," sophomore Austin Thomas said.

The freshman team ended their season with Michael Wathier hitting a two run walk-off home run to win their last game of the season.

Even though both of the teams' seasons took a while to get started, the boys prevailed and stormed through their season.

STORY BY CASSY KIM



Celebrating Success

"Well when we get a really good **victory** the team would **celebrate** with Buffalo Wild Wings a lot of the time."

sophomore *Bobbie Sue McDaniel*

"Whenever we win we walk away with a **smile** but a **mindset** of "Alright, did I make any mistakes I could fix in the next game? Did I do my best?"

junior *Rachael Centanni*

"As a team we usually get together at **Buffalo Wild Wings** to eat, celebrate, and just have a **good time** with each other. Nothing too big but enough to celebrate the win."

senior *Danielle Page*

⇒ 1. After hitting the ball, *Rachael Honaker* (10) sprints to first base. "I have been playing since I was little and I instantly fell in love with it," Honaker said.

⇒ 2. In order to get pumped up, *Mandey Shrader* (12) chest bumps her teammate. "I love playing with these girls because we've been playing together since we were little," Shrader said. "We worked really hard this year and I'm so proud."



D. CASILLAS

Pitching with Priorities

While still trying to adjust from last year's hectic season, the girls' varsity softball team is pressured to live up to the expectations of previous years with a new head coach

Coming into a season with many changes, working together was definitely a priority for the girls to improve their game for the new season.

"When the season started, a lot of the girls made the varsity team that had not been on there before so I just did my best to make them feel like they were welcome," senior *Kendall Mores* said.

Spending a lot of time with each other on and off the field and working their hardest at practice was a must. It positively affected their game streak by winning an outstanding 17 games in a row.

"I just worked my butt off and so did the team. We had confidence and we were happy our hard work paid off," junior *Bailey Mores* said.

With all the hard work and

dedication to the sport and to one another, the girls unexpectedly ended their season by falling to the Portage Indians in the second sectionals game.

"Losing our second game at sectionals destroyed us as a team. We were hoping to go far this year and that took a toll on us. I look at it as inspiration to work harder because I have one more year with my team to win it," junior *Rachael Suits* said.

Coming off such a great season, the pressure to be even more intense for next year with all five starting seniors graduating.

"They will find underclassmen with great potential to fill our positions. The returning varsity team will do great things in the upcoming years," senior *Danielle Page* said.

STORY BY TRISHA KASZAK



2. D. CASILLAS



⇒ 3. Being the lead off of the game, *Miranda Elish* (9), hopes to score a homerun. "My goal was to bat in the lineup and it was great to actually experience that," Elish said.



⇒ 4. Pitching the ball to the opposing team, *Siena Gyure* (12), hopes to strike them out. "I enjoy the people I play with because I have known them so long. They push me to do my best and they are basically a family to me," Gyure said.

⇒ 5. Timing her swing at the right moment, *Amanda Rock* (11) hits the ball in order to help her team score. "I started softball at the age of 4 and I think it's a great way to interact with everyone and to become a better player," Rock said.



Game Time Essentials

After school:

Go down to the locker rooms to put on our uniforms and grab gear

Before Game:

Get pumped and watch Siena Gyure and Courtney Holm do crazy dances in a huddle

Dugout Favorites:

Spraying water jug and Mandey Shrader's dinosaur Barry

Superstitions:

Wear eye black to every game

Game Chant:

Dogs on 3, dogs on 3, 1, 2, 3, DOGS!

SOFTBALL SUPERSTITIONS

For junior catcher *Allyson Rock*, game day can be slightly repetitive

Step 1: Play music to get in the zone

Step 2: Put on left leg shin guard

Step 3: Put on right leg shin guard

Step 4: Put on chest protector

Step 5: Put on helmet

Step 6: Grab glove and get ready to play



⇒ 1. With her team in place, pitcher *Venessa Hekkel* (9) winds up to pitch the ball to her opponent. "I've been working hard all winter to become stronger and add some speed to my fastball," Hekkel said.

⇒ 2. Determined to hit the ball, *Andrea Kutemeier* (9), swings at a pitch coming over home plate. "Softball is a way to get out of school and challenge yourself," Kutemeier said. Kutemeier plans to continue playing softball.



⇒ 3. With her head looking forward, *Lauren Haney* (9) waits for the ball to come in range to swing. "I just stay focused and tell myself to hit the ball to help my team win the game," Haney said.

⇒ 4. Full and focused, *Melissa Fajman* (9) makes the ball fly. "The best feeling in the world is when you hit a solid hit and you know it's going far," Fajman said. She hopes to one day make it to play college ball.



Hot vs. Not



As much as people will try to deny it, every team has its' high points as well as its' low points. During some games, the team is hot and sometimes, not so much.

Champion CHANTS

Chants are a sport's best friend. It's the little pizzazz added to trick up the opponent, including the fans, and pump up the team. "Before games, we always chat 'C-C-CRO...' three times," *Felicia Wacasey* (9) said. The popular tune is sung at many different sports games and events. It spontaneously spells out Crown Point which goes "C-C-CRO-O-O-WN-P-P-POI-POINT," and is normally repeated three times in a row. This cheer is perfect to shout out.

Dirt in the Dugout

A behind the scenes look on what really happens in the dugout and the memories that go along with it

Whatever happens on the field during a game is no big secret; however, whatever happens inside the dugout is not of common knowledge either. From cheering on their team to just goofing off, quite a bit goes on in that little cement structure off to the side of every field.

"We have metal cleats and concrete floors. People are constantly falling all the time, especially when they are getting up and then sliding while running out to the field," freshman *Brooklyn Turley* said. Because of there being 17 girls in one jam-packed room, the unlucky chance to take a turn for the worse was higher than anyone would like.

Though the dugout brought unfortunate strokes of bad luck at times, it only meant that they had additional memories to dwell upon, share and laugh about.

"What really happens in the dugout

is that we love to gossip about our favorite and funny past moments we shared together and then some," sophomore *Savannah Brouwer* said.

In that somewhat isolated area, it was the moments that were unexpected that were then remembered as some of their favorites.

"At our last game, it was raining and I was drinking water when someone made a joke and I spit my water all over Vanessa," freshman *Lauren Haney* said. "She was already wet because it was raining and I got her even more soaked."

The girls made sure to keep a very good mentality, no matter how the game was going. Whether it was saying good luck at the beginning of a game, cheering each other on, or congratulating one another, they made sure to stay positive the entire time in the dugout.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD

Swinging *Toward* Home

Inspired to play since third grade, junior *Paige Nesemeier* continued to play her heart out in her favorite sport.

"Softball means the world to me; it's such an accomplishing and indescribable feeling the moment my foot steps on home," Nesemeier said.

Times to Remember

"One of my favorite memories was Mandy 'Koala-ing' people. She will run up behind you when you're not paying attention, grab your leg, scream koala, then run away."

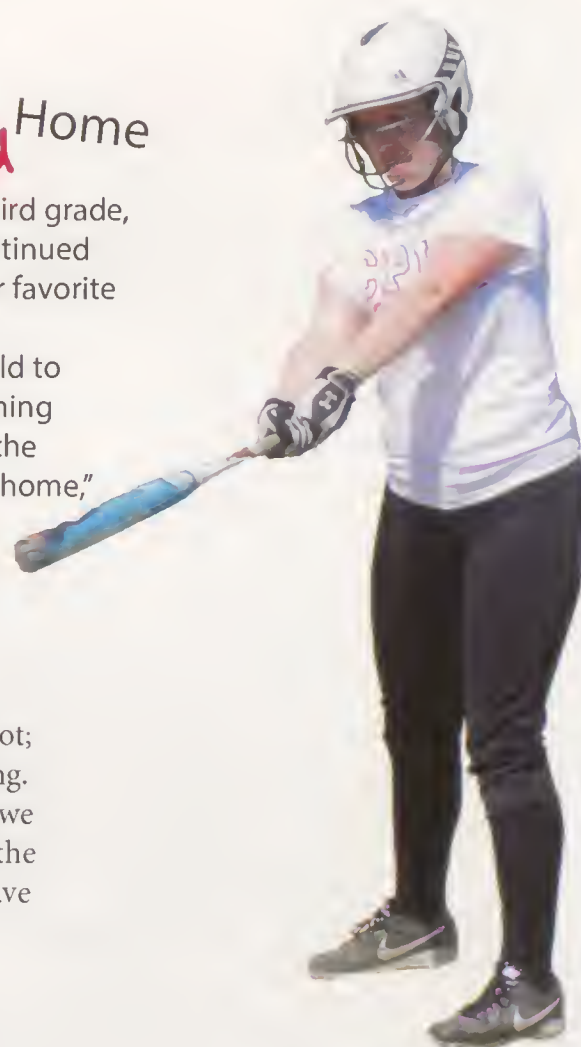
-Katie Kelleher (10)

"We would mess around with the Gatorade bottles all the time and squirt them at each other."

-Felicia Wacasey (9)

"We joke around a lot; we're always laughing. Even if we're losing we find a way to make the best of it and still have fun together."

-Brooklyn Turley (9)



Favorite Golf Memories

"My favorite memory was when the whole bus erupted after we just beat Valpo," -Sam Beishuizen

"Spending time with my teammates," -Mike Lee

"Winning two medals at one invite," -Tristan Moehl



1. E. LOVIN

⇒ 1. *Grant Miller* (9) lines up his next putt. "Golf is an independent sport," Miller said. "So I like relying on myself." Miller started playing golf at the age of 2.

⇒ 2. *Mike Lee* (10) recovers from his last swing. "The best part of golf is being able to play something that I love to do," Lee said. Lee's golf gear of choice is Titleist as he used their driver, wood, and wedge.

Swingin' For Success

Despite the weather and having to tee off through snowflakes, the boy's golf team spent their days still conquering the green

As the boy's golf team packed up their clubs, they were constantly followed by the intimidating gray cloud hovering over their heads. Strong, questionable weather may bring rainbows, but it also carried along cancellations. Due to the weather, the boy's golf team juggled between practicing in the rain, getting soaked for their passion and inconsistent rescheduling of meets.

Despite the weather, a few things kept the team grounded, starting with a few traditions that the boys held in stone. "We met every Saturday at Main St. Cafe for breakfast," said sophomore *Mike Lee*. "It was nice." Each food-fueled morning held a little luck for the players, even if it was in the bacon.

Senior *Patt Mudd* received a full ride to Purdue Calumet because of his consistency on and off the golf course. This gave the team hope, even as they cheered for one another as each player sauntered up to tee off at their first hole.

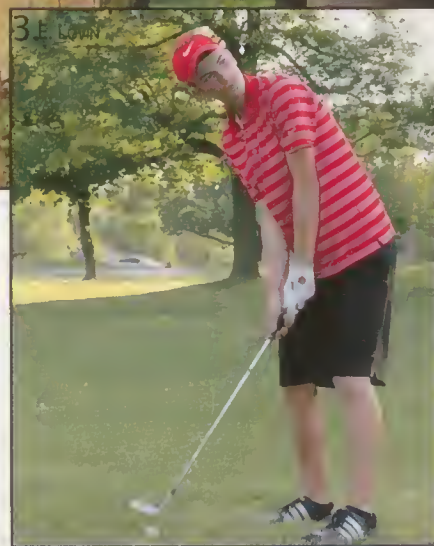
"The five seniors we're really good," said junior *Andrew Orosz*. "They helped contribute to such a successful season." Due to the strong force of the upperclassmen, the boys had to work even harder to make through try-outs or to play on the course during the real thing. Through such dedication, the seniors shared their wisdom on and off the green to those below them about their tricks for future years to come.

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS

2. E. LOVIN



3. E. LOVIN





⇒ 3. *Andrew Orosz* (11) judges the distance he has to shoot the ball to make par. "We had to play in the snow a couple times," Orosz said. "But we fought through it and ended our season really well."

⇒ 4. *Kevin Cunningham* (10) prepares to guide his ball and make the swing to end his match. "The season had its ups and downs," Cunningham said. "But it was all worth it after we beat undefeated Valpo."

“ I was offered a full ride to Purdue Calumet because of golf. I love the feeling of the game and winning something as a team. ”
-Patt Mudd



THE MANY CLUBS ON THE *Green*



WOOD



CHIPPER



DRIVER



PUTTER



IRON

⇒ 1. *Meghan Chaussey* (12) assists *Kramer Keilman* (12) with fixing his helmet during a football game. "Football's a team sport; it's not one on one. We all get to help each other out," Chaussey said. Chaussey was one of the managers for the varsity football team.

⇒ 2. During the boys' basketball senior night, *Brandi Collins* (12) is recognized along with the team. "Being a trainer is a lot of hard work and it's really fun to be around the athletes," Collins said. "Seeing the cool injuries is my favorite part,"



What has
training
taught you?

"It's taught me some important medical skills that I'm going to need in the future,"

-Morgan Stepnoski (11)



Team Manager/Trainer Schedule

After School

2:27 PM: Practice begins	3:00 PM: Bring the water jug	4:00 PM: Monitor the rest of practice	5:00 PM: Practice finishes
2:45 PM: Haul the practice gear out for the coaches	3:30 PM: Go inside and help the injured with rehab	4:45 PM: Store practice gear back into storage	

Managing the Team

Team managers and trainers provide support services that are vital to keeping the team intact and running strong

While long hours of practice and training do help contribute to a team's victory, there are people behind the curtains, helping the team remain intact by keeping equipment serviced and helping meet the players' needs.

Though the trainers and managers of the sports teams are sometimes overlooked, they are an essential part of keeping the teams functioning strong.

"What I like most about being a manager is being able to be a part of team's atmosphere," sophomore *Kailyn Snodgrass* said. Snodgrass was a manager for the football, basketball, and baseball teams.

"I really like that I get to meet new people and that I'm able to connect with the team," Snodgrass said. Snodgrass has been a trainer since her freshman year and plans to continue to be a manager until she graduates.

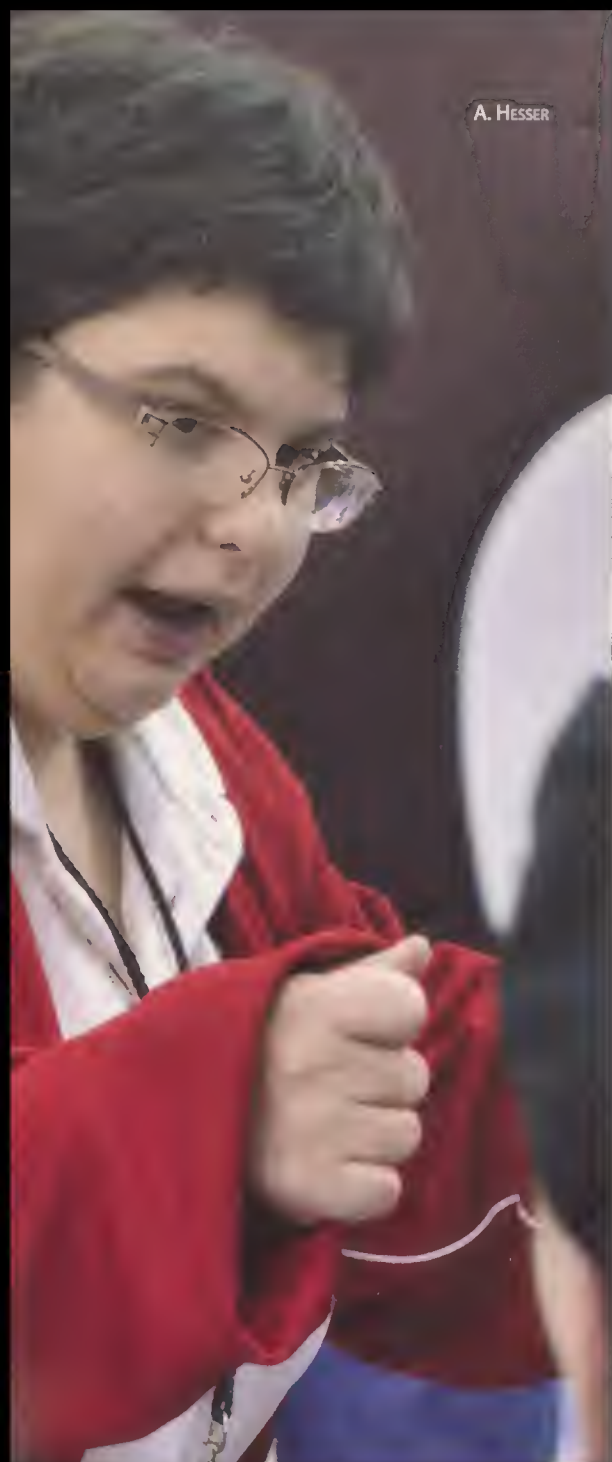
Becoming a team trainer or manager takes a lot of time and patience and the

ability to work with a team and help them with whatever they need.

"There are long hours during the summer, weekend, and after school that are put into the sport," sophomore *Aimee Hendrickson*, who was manager of the boys' soccer teams said. "You have to be there to help with injuries, get them anything they need, sometimes you even have to provide rides to games if they're needed, but all the hard work pays off in the end," Hendrickson said.

Even though becoming a trainer or manager can seem like a stressful job at times, many find benefits from becoming a manager for a team. "You get experience in being manager of a team," freshman *Lance Noerenberg* said. Noerenberg was the manager for the girl's tennis team. "This is a great opportunity if you're looking into having a career related to this in the future."

STORY BY SAM RUDER



⇒ 3. The trainers and managers sport pink shirts that say "Fight like a girl," sharing smiles. "I like being a trainer because I like being able to help everyone. I absolutely love it," *Reagan Airey* (11) said.



⇒ 4. *Katie Chimitris* pumps up the basketball team at Lake Central. She pep talked the team before getting onto the court and also has been the Bulldog's beloved mascot.

S. Amanda Ristovski (12) and *Brandi Collins* (12) fill up water bottles for the football players. "I wanted to go into nursing and I knew training would help," Ristovski said. "Never take any injury for granted because you want to know what exactly happened instead of guessing."

Aspire to Inspire

When people think of sports such as football and basketball, it's common to think about the players, not the others who help out such as the trainers.

Sophomore *Alaina Atherton* has been a trainer since her freshman year, and she loves every aspect of it.

"I became a trainer because my neighbor was a trainer. I saw how much she helped others and I was inspired. I am interested in possibly pursuing a career as a physical therapist and I think that being a sports trainer is a great way to gain experience in the field," Atherton said.

When thinking of a trainer, most believe that all one does is haul equipment around and wait on the members of the team. For Atherton being a trainer is so much more.

"I love being a trainer because I get to help people when needed, and I also get to meet a lot of new people," Atherton said. "There is a lot of hard work that goes into helping manage a team, but it's something that I enjoy and don't mind."

STORY BY BEN JASEK



B. JASEK

Moment That Created History

The lacrosse team worked hard throughout the season in order to make history and put Crown Point's name into the lacrosse world

In 1986, Michael Jordan scored 63 points against the Celtics which helped the Bulls dominate the play-offs. It was a ground breaking moment in history that would change the game forever.

On a smaller scale, this year the lacrosse team made it a year for the books for Crown Point when they were the first team in the school's history to go to the playoffs. While this achievement might not be remembered across the nation, the boys would remember the season that changed the game.

"I remember the first playoff game against LaPorte," senior *Nick Valentino* said. "I scored the first goal of the game. Our team meshes pretty well together and towards the end of the season we clicked even better so we could make it to the playoff game."

Senior *Jake Voss* believed that the game was one of the most intense.

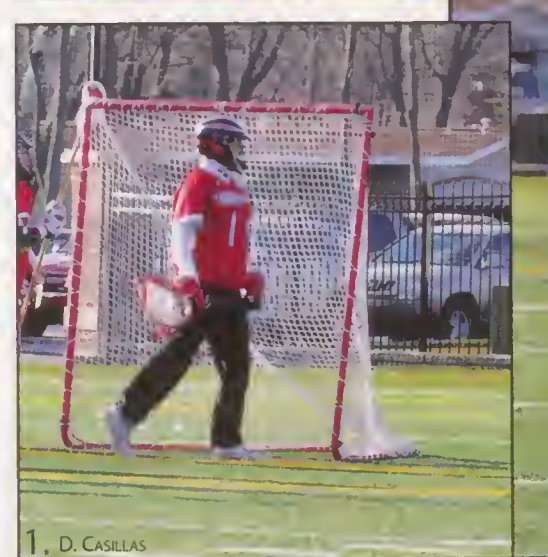
"They beat us the first time in the season on our home turf," Voss said. "But then when the playoff game was on their turf, we beat them. It was cool because it was a lot to play for."

The team worked during the season and practiced every day with the help of their coaches *Joe Laird* and *Tim Bucci*.

"They were really good coaches. Working with Laird changed the game for us. Both coaches were really motivational and gave us the right tools to succeed," Valentino said.

Whether the team's successes came from their abilities to work together, their coaches, just luck or a mixture of it all, their season was one that the school would remember as the first time Crown Point was seen in a lacrosse playoff game with the hopes of winning big in the following games.

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING



LAX Scoreboard

2013 season

12-10

St. Rita	L 5-6
Castle High School	W 10-6
Evansville North	W 12-4
Harrison	L 4-6
Guerin Cathoic	L 3-8
Bishop Luers	W 16-8
Lincoln Way	W 7-6
Mt. Carmel	L 4-7
Concord	W 16-4
Washington South Bend	W 16-2
Bloomington South	W 16-8
LaPorte	L 6-8
Southport	W 10-1
Penn	L 3-12
Fishers	L 4-7
St. Joesph	L 6-19
Snider	W 11-7
Homestead	L 9-16
Concordia	W 15-7
Concord	W 13-2
LaPorte	W 6-5 (2OT)
Marion Catholic	L 8-14

Why is LAX Different?

"Lacrosse is completely different from every other sport because it's a combination of sports like hockey, basketball all the way to soccer. It was also played by Native Americans so it's America's true past time,"

- Senior Jake Voss

Traveling to Compete

Hoosier Barbell Club traveled around the United States in search of competition and a chance to prove their strength.

"It gets expensive traveling so often," coach *Mark Garret* said. "And weightlifters usually eat a lot of meat."

Traveling, however, was an enjoyable time for the students.



Hoosier Barbell Club traveled from California to Michigan to compete

"Traveling is a blast because we spend a lot of time with our team and we all know what is going through each others' head," senior *Justin Rangel* said.

Being in different states for each competition allowed the students to expand their knowledge about the country while doing an activity that they enjoy.



⇒ 3. Rushing down the field is *Zach Bucci* (11). "I love the freedom (lacrosse) gives you to play in whatever style you like," Bucci said. "I play it because it's more fun than any other sport. When the team meshes, it's unreal."
 ⇒ 4. *Blaize Borovich* (12) checks his opponent to block him from getting the ball. "This year the team built together and worked as one, which as my favorite part of the season. I felt the season was a huge success making the playoffs for the first time in club history," Borovich said.



⇒ 1. *Jake Ladendorf* (11) stands attentive to the game by the goal. "I like lacrosse because it is known as the fastest game on two feet. There is always something going on," Ladendorf said. Ladendorf planned to continue to play through college at either a division II or III school.

⇒ 2. *Phillip Bravo* (10) prepares himself for the play. "It's the best; it includes aspects of other sports which makes it the best," Bravo said.

What's the Conversion?

kgs => lbs

1kg=2lb	55kg=121lb
5kg=11lb	60kg=132lb
10kg=22lb	65kg=143lb
15kg=33lb	70kg=154lb
20kg=44lb	75kg=165lb
25kg=55lb	80kg=176lb
30kg=66lb	85kg=187lb
35kg=77lb	90kg=198lb
40kg=88lb	95kg=209lb
45kg=99lb	100kg=220lb

"I was in football workouts when Coach Garrett asked me to join **HBC**. I try to do the best I can so I can win. I want to continue to train part time after high school," sophomore *Eric Burrell* said.



⇒ Spring Sports Reference

Penn L	Michigan City W	Griffith W
Valpo W	Andean W	Hobart L
Portage W	Lewis Cass W	Boone Grove W
Munster W	Lafayette Jeff W	Andean W
Lake Central L	Pioneer W	Wheeler W
Merrillville W	Twin Lakes W	Lowell W
LaPorte W	Valpo W	Highland W
Chesterton W	LaPorte W	Chesterton W
Lake Central W	Chesterton W	Portage L

First: Andrea Kutemeier, Amanda Rock, Rachael Centanni, Miranda Elish, Abby Skura, Siena Gyure, Marie O'Malley. Second: Coach Stevens, Paige Nesemeier, Halley Sanders, Mandey Shrader, Bailey Mores, Bobbie Sue McDaniel, Brooklyn Turley, Coach Lopez. Third: Coach Britton, Felicia Wacaser, Kendall Mores, Lauren Taylor, Brittany Hulen, Courtney Holm, Danielle Page, Morgan Matalin, Coach Reed. Fourth: Katie Kelleher, Lauren Haney, Ali Rock, Rachael Honaker, Rachael Suits, Brittany Robinson, Brooke Shingler. Fifth: Vanessa Hekkel, Shannon Houser, Melissa Fajman, Becca Quiroz, Ashley Martinez, Savannah Brouwer.

Pole Vault Jordan Kelly 15'3"

3200m Relay Z.Seamon, D.Walters, T.Kucic, T.Cierniak 7:44.60

400m Relay W.Honaker, N.Faso, T.Peterson, Z.Sneiderwine 41.94

1600m Relay N.Faso, Z.Seamon, T.Grady, Z.Sneiderwine 3:30.32

Season Team Record 7-0

DAC Finished 2nd

Sectional Championship 1st

First Row: Fernando Barajas, Michael Strunk, Jamello McNeal, Jordan Fraser, Mauricio Enciso, Garret Shoemaker, Matt Mosak, Nick Morin, Joe Keck, Mitchell Gerlach, Joshua Kvachkoff, Brock Swenton, Dylan Wallace, Tyler Jeremiah, Marc Muniz, Blake Macke, Steve Traficanti, Matt Wielgus, Aston Krstevski. Second Row: Coah Iddings, Coach Clochina, Coach A., Quentin Klingberg, Daniel Walters, Steven Chimitris, Kyle Lecea, Joey Krampen, Paul Dawley, Nathaniel Lukawski, Spencer Swope, Christian Rodriguez, Andrew Heaton, Caleb Shocaroff, Coach Bartholomew, Coach Naumoff. Third Row: Chris Reed, Devion Kyles, Logan Pitts, Keith Feller, Sterk Schuelka, Nathan Carey, Matt Muller, Ryan Kepshire, Jacob Langbehn, Luke Voss, Michael Keller, Artie Equihua, Conner Krampen, Tom Lugo, Wesley Honaker. Fourth Row: Tom Cierniak, Travis Kucic, Zane Celmer, Brandon Botts, Zack Sneiderwine, Anthony Phillips, Andrew Viater, Jack Snedden, Mac Anderson, Gino Ferrari, James Moore, Alex Ray, Mahallo Bradash, George Mirabella, Andre Hetami, Darryl Jones. Fifth Row: Justin Melvin, Nathan Fletcher, Tylor Worley, Troy Grady, Jordan Kelly, Mitchell Kessler, Steven Potosky, Eric Fiacable, Zane Cecich, David Krapf, Justin Ferrell, Nolan Bish, Nick Faso, Zack Seamon, Jacob Stern, Colin Stein, Tyler Gray.

Portage/ Lake	Michigan City L
Central L	DAC Championships
Hobart "Little 5" 1st	6th
Valpo/ LaPorte L	IHSAA Sectional 3rd
Chesterton L	IHSAA Regional 9th
Merrillville/	

First Row: Sarah Seany, Jill Zimmerman, Hannah Best, Bridget DeLories, Nicole Gilbert, Anna Hopkins, Brigitte Banser, Megan Rainey, Kate Casbon, Kayleigh Bostian, Lexi Berdine, Grace Wylie, Heather Kristensen, Diamond Previs, Annie Gambini, Kaitlyn Tomecko, Alex St. Amour, Emily Dawley, Kennedy Richardson, Aman Kaur, Emmy Bratton, Jessica Norlock. Second Row: Kammi Kurtz, Emily LaMere, Alaina Atherton, Lindsey Gomez, Jessica Wayman, Hailee Kish, Yesi Garibay, Haley Franklin, Sam Fargo, Kirsten Mazzaro, Abby Eineman, Katlyn Wos, Kelsey Hopkins, Megan Duffala, Katie Mellady, Alyssa Hemminger, Bailey Matthews, Essence King, Anna Eksten, Shelby Sell, Taylor Beckman, Coach Hattendorf. Third Row: Assistant Coach, Alana Alia, Annekin Pilarski, Hannah Wallace, Ally Carpenter, Lexi Linback, Jorie Horn, Bailey Jurasevich, Riley Geohagan, Erica McDermott, Kara Breuckman, Kristin Martin, Mikayla Marcinkowski, Juliette Horn, Kayla McGurk, Devin DeBoth, Angela Klukken, Megan Fernandez, Coach Piaszkowy. Fourth Row: Alex Rayonec, Gianna Pickett, Karson Triscik, Savanna Robison, Kayla Wirtz, Claire Szafarczyk, Amy Schuch, Bailey Beckham, Rachel Smith, Sam Thornberry, Ashley Coniglio, Amanda Byk, Sydney Morrow, Brooklyn Darnstaedt, Karson Rice, Alaa Abdeldaiem. Fifth Row: Kelsey Russell, Carrie Russell, Lauryn Adams, Hannah Eldridge, Valerie Babchuck, Allison Wortel, Lyndie Pierce, Brianna Buckner, Emily Dykstra, Stephanie Miller, Amber Willette, Tina Winfrey, Mandy Komaskinski, Gaby Richmond, Emily Wirick.

Softball

Boys' Track

Girls' Track



Elkhart Memorial W	Portage W	Michigan City W
Bishop Noll W	Hamilton	North
Munster L	Southeastern L	Montgomery W
Mt. Carmel, IL W	Bellmont W	Crawfordsville W
Lake Central W	Lake Central W	LaPorte W
Merrillville W	Chesterton L	Penn W
LaPorte W	Merrillville W	
Michigan City W	Valparaiso W	

First Row: Jake Carey, Glenn Hecht, Kevin Edgington, Jake Kocher, Chris Dietrich. Second Row: Bobby Morgan, Alex Nickla, Jake Benich, Jake Jenks, Tyler Downing. Third Row: Coach Steve Strayer, David Kepshire, Freddy Newman, Curry Franklin, Coach Matt McCaleb. Fourth Row: Johnny Lynk, Zach Plesac, Ron Plesac, Noah Burkholder, Jake Jatis, Markus Kessler, Jake Ryan.

Varsity Baseball



Hanover Central W	Merrillville W	St. Joe W
Mount Carmel W	Valparaiso W	Chesterton W
Lake Central W	Michigan City W	Valparaiso W
Portage W	Highland W	Portage L
Andean L	Merrillville W	Plymouth W
Lake Central L	LaPorte W	
Chesterton W	Homestead L	

First: Frank Wulczynski, Jeremy Swart, Morgan Kral, Logan Grapenthien, Jonah Campbell. Second: Coach Gabriel, Thayne Bukowski, Andrew Atchison, Mitchell Kooi, CJ Alexander, Coach Gill. Third: Dale Wentz, Corey Brown, Mike Sullivan, Jack Vinovich, Austin Thomas. Fourth: Geoffrey Kozlowski, Jon Dietrich, Alex Basic.

JV Baseball



Mt. Carmel, IL L	Hobart W
Penn L	Chesterton L
Lake Central W	Kankakee Valley W
Portage W	Lake Central L
Andean L	Chesterton W
Hobart W	Valparaiso L
Lake Central L	Chesterton W

First: Tommy Kitchen, Trevor Miller, Mike Wathier, Mark Mazure, Tyler Schoonover. Second: Assistant Coach, Nick Ricci, Zach Perez, Ben Ostrowski, Jacob Sobek, Coach Rettig. Third: Nick Grothaus, Ceasar Lopez, Joey O' Keefe, Alex Ruiz, Austin Velazquez. Fourth: Andrew Baumeister, Evan Frank, Alex Borowski, Alec Gerlach.

Freshman Baseball



⇒ Spring Sports

Reference

Hobart W	Lake Central W	Sectionals -
Wheeler W	Lowell W	Lake Central W
Portage W	Valparaiso L	Kankakee Valley W
Rensselaer W	Merrillville W	Regionals -
Chesterton L	Andrean W	Munster L
LaPorte W	Michigan City W	
Munster L		

First Row: Amber Haworth, Jordan Embry. Second Row: Maddie Cleland, Sarah Debs, April Pryzborski, Angela Zieba. Third Row: Dominic Peretin, Savannah Schuljak, Abby Kvachkoff, Olivia Elston, Coach Brian Elston.

Varsity Girls' Tennis



Hobart W	Lake Central W
Wheeler W	Lowell W
Portage W	Valparaiso L
Rensselaer W	Merrillville W
Chesterton L	Andrean W
LaPorte W	Michigan City W
Munster L	

First Row: Rebekah Embry, Kourtney Bruder, Verda Mirza, Emma Udchitz, Katie Weller. Second Row: Taylor Green, April Pryzborski, Danielle Klawitter, Gorana Bilbija, Ivanna Mileusnic, Julie Stuckert. Third Row: Dominic Peretin, Tricia O'Brien, Savannah Schuljak, Helen Keilman, Coach Brian Elston.

JV Girls' Tennis



Merrillville 1st	LaPorte 1st	Portage 1st
Valparaiso 2nd	Michigan City 1st	Chesterton 2nd
Chesterton 1st	Ubele Invite 3rd	LaPorte 2nd
Ulen Invite 4th	CP Invite 1st	DAC Invite 5th
Lake Central 2nd	Valparaiso 1st	Hanover Central 1st
Portage 1st	Michigan City 1st	Jeff Classic 1st
Lafayette Jeff. Invite	Lake Central Invite	IHSAA Sectionals
8th	2nd	1st
Lake Central 1st	Merrillville 1st	

First Row: Grant Miller, Leo Goveri, Giulio Bracco, Tristan Moehl, Matt Kish, Logan Smead. Second Row: Coach Trapp, Matthew Lippy, Nicholas Rademacher, Sam Beishuizen, Roenick Rex, Austin Qualizza, Mike Lee, Coach Haas. Third Row: Luke Lambert, Andrew Orosz, Patt Mudd, Matt Mudd, Kevin Cunningham.

Boys' Golf





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DAVID KERR (12)



COURTNEY HOEM (12)

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Sweet Shift

Connections made by students are real but in more recent years the formula for creating them had shifted

It was a new culture: a culture of technology. We were moving into the future and molding ourselves to fit the work force of tomorrow.

The school and the lives of students underwent a shift in technology, but the students found a way to stay connected. The type of connections varied. There were personal, face-to-face connections while some students chose to be friends on Facebook or followers on Twitter. Communication had been changing throughout the years but this year it really became apparent that our lives had begun to change.

"I stay connected to my friends by texting and through Twitter," senior *Kat Keller* said. "It is harder and more awkward now-a-days to talk on the phone. Even my parents text me to call me down to dinner."

Some forms of communication stayed the same.

"I like to hang out with my friends and go shopping but that's with the girls mostly," freshman *Josh Brzezinski* said.

It was widely debated about whether or not the newly found way of building relationships was an adequate one.

"I feel more connected to people on a superficial level. Talking through texting is a lot faster and easier, but I have found that sitting down and having a face-to-face conversation with someone I don't really know is difficult," *Keller* said.

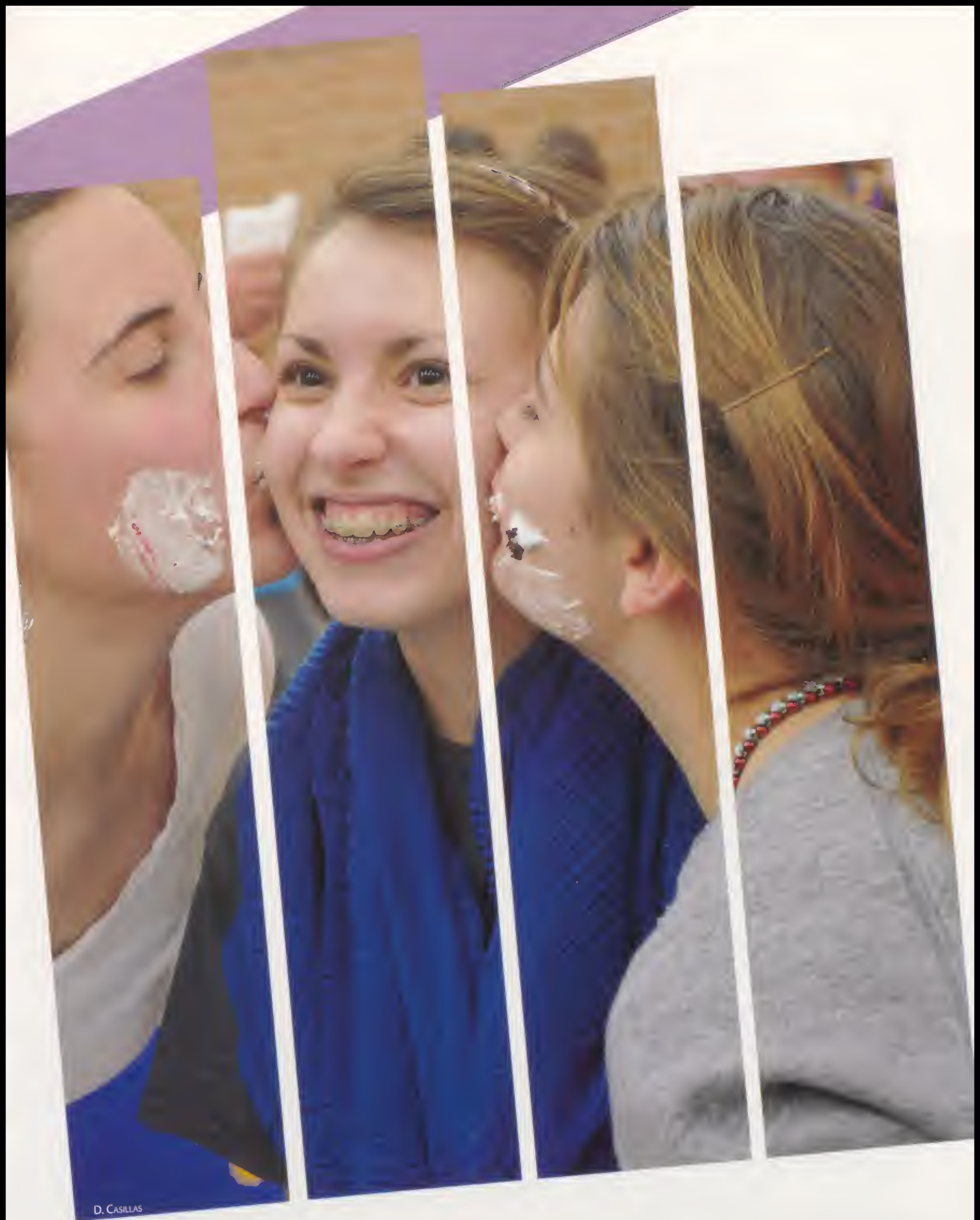
It was obvious that the way personal connections were made had changed by the introduction of social media and new technology, but the importance of communication remained.

"Communication is very important because it keeps your friendship going; if you don't communicate with your friends you will probably lose them," *Brzezinski* said.

"I've seen public opinion shift like the wind and put out the very fire it lighted,"

Rachel Field

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Pitching for a Future

Most high school athletes can only begin to dream about being recognized by colleges for their performances. For freshman *Miranda Elish*, the opportunity flew out of left field and into her hands. Before she even stepped foot on the mound for the Crown Point softball season, Elish already had offers flooding in from top colleges such as Notre Dame, Alabama, Oregon and many more.

Last summer, Elish played the game at showcase camps where recruiters took an extreme interest in her. Colleges were begging for the then-freshman's attention before she committed to Oregon University later that August.

Even at the age of six, Elish was already feeling the intensity of the game. "I loved the game from the moment I started playing," Elish said. By the age of 14, Elish was already throwing 68 miles per hour on the

mound. She eventually began to live and play by the motto, "My next pitch is my best pitch."

Through the endless playing time and two-hour-a-day workouts, Elish's family has been by her side, supporting her the entire way.

"It's tough right now, but I know it's all going to be worth it in the end," Elish said.

Elish tried to picture her life the way she did two years ago, "I never dreamed that something this amazing could happen to me, I couldn't be more thankful," Elish said.

While it may seem like all this softball star did was train, she always made time for her friends and for basketball season. While Elish prepared for her bright future as a pro-pitcher, she still tried to maintain a normal high school career by keeping up on grades and a few hobbies.

"I always wear bows in my hair before I go out and pitch," Elish said. A humble high school girl with a future career on ESPN continued to be an example for athletes across the world, starting with an unexpected chance of a lifetime at Oregon.

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Miranda Elish

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Live To Cheer

While some people believe cheerleading isn't a sport, for freshman Aaliyah Bruce, cheerleading was her life.

"When I was little I always wanted to be a flyer and I thought it was cool seeing the girls being the center of attention," Bruce said. "My mom has always been there for me, encouraging me to try out and do my best."

Since the sixth grade, Bruce has had an interest in cheerleading because of its similarities to tumbling. She began tumbling when she 4 years old. At the age of seven, she joined the Tumbling Power team.

"I don't think it's hard being on the team because everyone is nice about it and they all treat me equally," Bruce said.

Bruce tried out and didn't expect to make the varsity team. Bruce was the only freshman on the varsity cheerleading squad. "I was so shocked [to make the team] that I ran out of the gym crying. It was crazy, I couldn't believe I made it."

"This year has been really fun and I'm glad I got to share it with all the upperclassmen," Bruce said. "I thought going to nationals was crazy, I never thought I'd be doing all this as a freshman."

According to Bruce, cheerleading wasn't just about cheering at football and basketball games.

"We also had many competitions year-round and nationals being mixed into my schedule caused it to be jam packed. People don't really see that part of cheerleading," Bruce said.

In the future, Bruce said she would love to attend college for cheer, because of how much she enjoyed her time on the high school cheer team.

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It's in^{the} Genes

Blake Bonin, who has been playing basketball since he was a child, finally reached his goal as a freshman. He made the varsity team after many years of hard work and dedication.

"I started playing basketball when I was 2 years old," Bonin said. His family had a

huge impact on his love and skill for the game, and he got a lot of unexpected practice.

"My grandpa was a coach at Merrillville so I went to all of his practices," Bonin said.

As a child, he grew up around basketball. "My family always encouraged me to play basketball. I've always played sports, but they were never as much fun as basketball," Bonin said.

His family always pushed him in ways that were unique and inspiring. Basketball makes Bonin feel at peace.

"I just like the atmosphere," Bonin said.

Playing on varsity could have been a hard thing to do as a freshman. Stereotypes make it seem like being a freshman around

older kids is hard to do, but to him it wasn't that hard at all.

"It was nerve-racking at first but it got easier and more fun as the season went on," Bonin said. The players seemed to adjust to him rather quickly and didn't give him that hard of a time.

In the movies, the freshmen seemed to be the ones getting picked on. For Blake, this wasn't the case.

"I'm a freshman so they'll mess with me, but they treat me the same as everyone else. It's nice that they aren't messing with me as much as I thought they would," Bonin said.

In the future, Blake plans to continue playing on the high school basketball team and aspires to make it to college basketball one day.

"I want to make my family proud, especially my father and grandpa because they were the one's who pushed me the hardest and inspired my love for the game to grow," Bonin said.

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Kelly Merrill
Duke Messenger
Madison Meyer



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Marc Muniz



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Yazan Musleh
Quentin Myers
Dayton Natal
Nicole Newkirk
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Lance Noerenberg



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Jessica Norlock
Hannah Nottingham
Maisa Nour
Adam Novelli
Samantha Nowakowski
Joseph O'Keefe
Marie O'Malley



Gaining the Balance

Good grades are a big deal to many hardworking students. They try their best to get A's and B's to achieve the honor roll, but that's not what makes up most of a student's agendas. They also tried to pile on extracurricular activities, such as sports or fine arts. Furthermore, they put in effort to joining clubs as well. All of this put a student under pressure and stress. Freshman *Susie Szymanski* attempted to balance all of these challenges.

Szymanski strived to be on the honor roll and being in honors classes could make her schedule more rigorous. She spent time in band, Latin Club, Interact and Academic Superbowl.

Szymanski took part in three different ensembles. She played the clarinet since she was in sixth grade.

"I like the clarinet because it's different," Szymanski said. "It has a beautiful sound."

Band, orchestra, and choir took place in a competition called ISSMA every year. At ISSMA, solos and ensembles are performed by students in Indiana and are judged. Students chose if they please in being in a solo or ensemble. The highest ranking was gold, silver was the second best, and bronze was the third.

"I got gold ratings," Szymanski said. Though at competitions there is a feeling of pressure, Szymanski reassured that stress shouldn't be the only factor. "It's about having fun," Szymanski said. "I like performing, it usually gets adrenaline rushing."

For her future, Szymanski is still undecided about what career path she will be taking.

"I plan on being in band in the future," Szymanski said. "Perhaps I'll be an astronaut or a teacher, maybe even a professional musician, who knows?"

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Erin Perez
Zachariah Perez

William Peron
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Anthony Phillips
Annekin Pilarski
Logan Pitts
Sandra Pociucha

Valerie Haughton



Stand out Style

Theatrical make-up, animal print, a birth mark or a special personality trait: everyone has something that makes them special. Freshman *Valerie Haughton* embraced her own look and combined different styles to make a unique signature of her own.

"I mostly wear animal prints, sweatpants, and a little extra makeup," Haughton said. "My favorite thing about my outfits is my fake eyelashes; my mom bought them for me to try out and I became addicted to them."

The fake eyelashes are adhered to one's own eyelashes by cosmetic glue. The addition is not permanent and they can be peeled off.

Haughton had been dressing like this since the eighth grade when she became bored with her everyday look.

"I used to dress pretty plain with no designs or anything on my shirts," Haughton said. "Now I just put on random stuff in the morning before I

leave."

Haughton loved to keep her style spontaneous. Her outfits did not take careful planning; rather they were just a combination of what she felt like wearing that morning.

Most people would likely find Haughton in a Delia's considering it is her favorite clothing store.

"They have a lot of cheetah and leopard print there which really attracts my attention," she said. "I don't really have any inspirations; I kind of just dress how I like."

As Haughton practiced her techniques for making her appearance flawless, she also hoped to make a career of it. One day she wants to become a stylist for other people.

"I really have wanted to become a hairstylist and makeup artist ever since I started looking up different hairstyles online. I want to help others feel pretty," Haughton said.

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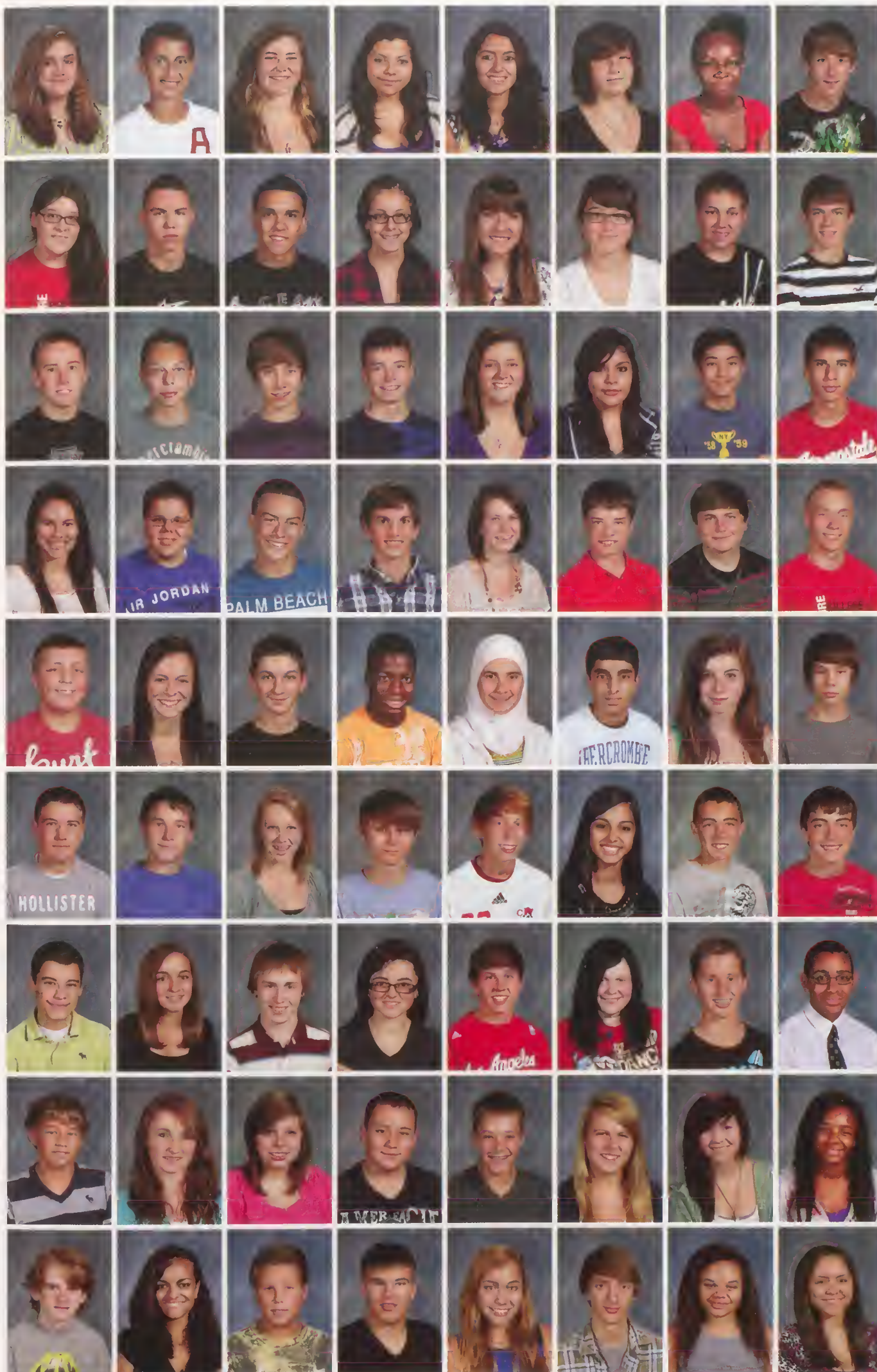


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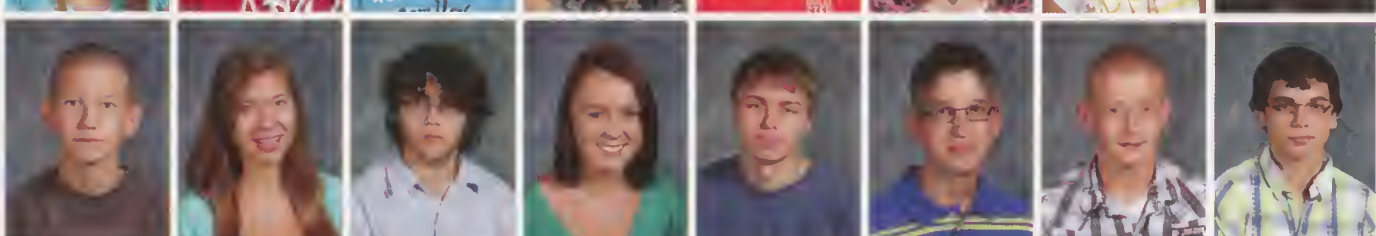
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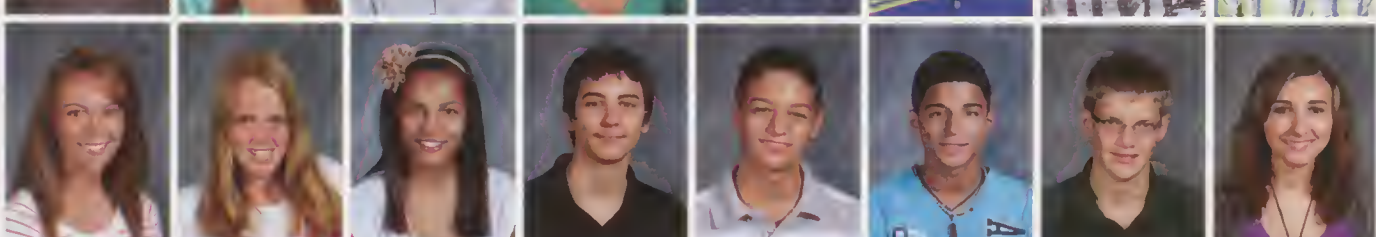
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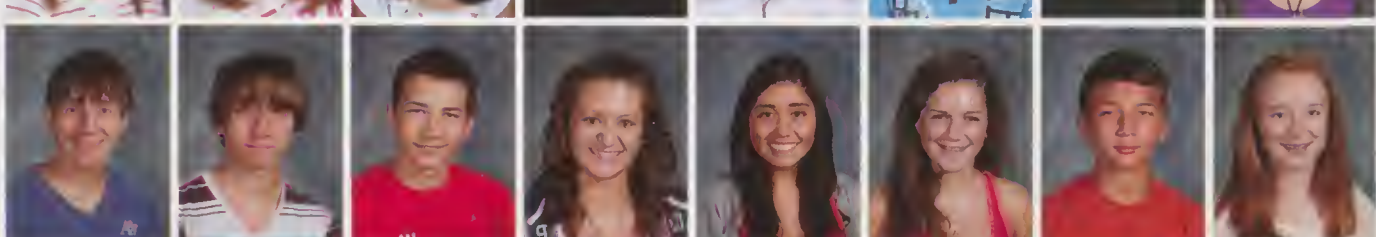
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Jacob Yelich
Lauren York
Alexandria Young
Chloe Young
Taylor Young
Vincent Zaffino

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Leo Zdanowicz



How many freshmen can say that they have skipped a grade and are taking junior classes? Freshman *Katlyn Wos* can. Ever since she was younger, school had always played a big role in 13 year old Wos's life as she was growing up. Because her family lived in a small Pennsylvanian town where no schools were nearby, Wos was home schooled by her mother.

"It was fun because we got to sleep in, eat whenever, and had no set time for when school ended," Wos said. "It was nice because it was one-on-one."

Her last years of home schooling were in second grade when they moved to Ohio. Upon arriving in her new home, she was enrolled into the fourth grade. Grade after

grade, she progressed into more rigorous courses and is now in all honors core classes. For Wos, her math class stood out the most. Wos took Honors Algebra II in ninth grade, normally intended to be a junior level math course.

"I really like math which helps me understand it better," Wos said.

Though she doesn't know what she wants to do in the future, she is interested in getting a degree in engineering since math comes so easily to her.



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Sophomores

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Concealing Cleverness

Being valedictorian is the honor bestowed upon the student with the highest overall grade point average in the class. Along with being valedictorian of her sophomore class, *Simone Siew* still finds time to keep in touch with her other hobbies.

"I don't feel any different from anyone else, even if I am number one in the class," Siew said. "I still have to study and have other responsibilities I have to do, just like everyone else."

Siew looks up to her older sister, alumna Carmen Siew, who was the salutatorian of her 2011 class, as motivation to do well academically. "When (Carmen) was in high school, she studied so much and only got about four hours of sleep a night," Siew

said. "The work that she put in to achieve her goals is really inspiring and I want to be able to be as successful as she has been."

After high school, Siew does plan to attend college. "My future is still hazy and I'm trying to keep my options open. I'm not too sure where I'll be in two years, but if I had to make a decision now, I would like to major in business at IU's Kelley School of Business," Siew said.

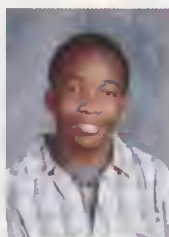
Academics do not take up all of Siew's time though; sports and music are another big part of her life as well. "I play the viola and I like to run too," Siew said.

Siew also enjoys art and going to art museums in her spare time. "I enjoy going to the Art Institute of Chicago because I like knowing that I've been an integral factor in keeping the work of all these artists alive," Siew said.

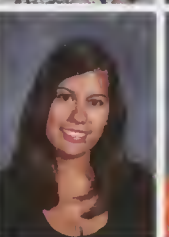


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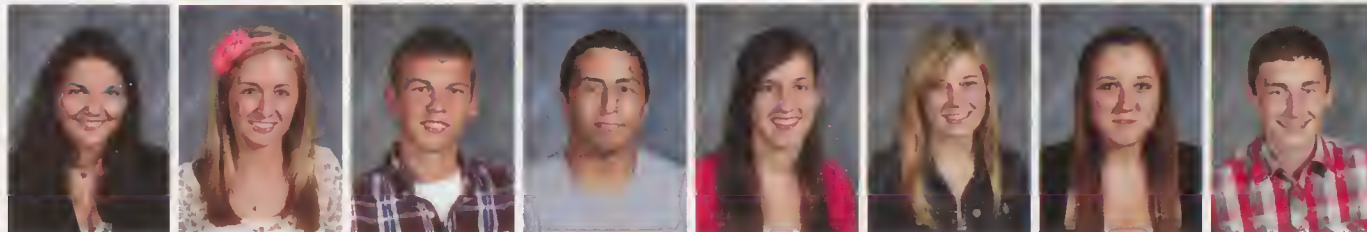
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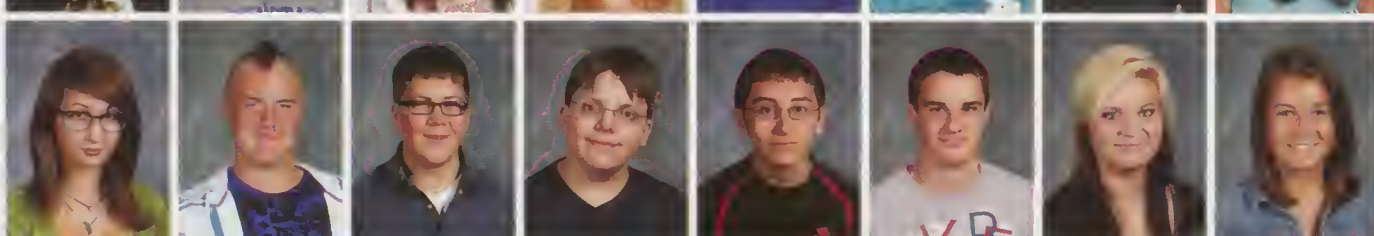
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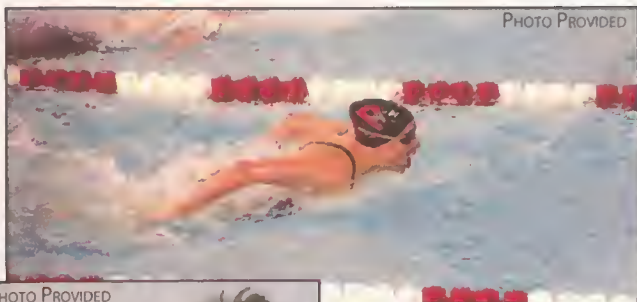


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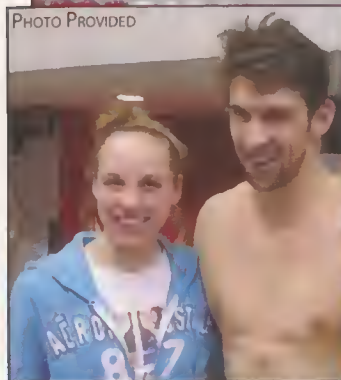


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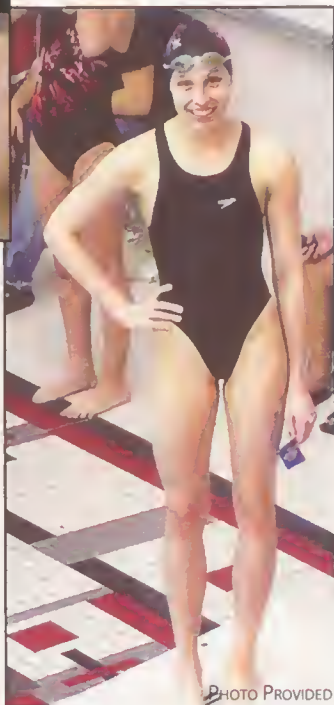


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Aly
Tetzloff

Just Keep Swimming

STORY BY BEN JASEK

The crisp, cool water has absorbed sophomore *Aly Tetzloff* into a champion swimmer over the past decade.

"I was introduced to swimming when I was 6 years old. My mom pushed me into it because I wasn't good at gymnastics. That was when I first found my love for swimming," Tetzloff said.

Tetzloff's best event is the 100 meter butterfly and her best time in that is 54.67 seconds.

"Even though it has taken years of practice, I would say my biggest accomplishment in swimming has been getting an Olympic trial time; I swam the 100 meter Butterfly and completed it in 1:01.6," Tetzloff said.

In addition to achieving the trial time, Tetzloff is also proud of the fact that she has met several Olympic swimmers; four of which include Ryan Lochte, Michael Phelps, Missy Franklin, and Amanda Beard at the 2012 Grand Prix championship meet in Indy.

"My favorite memory my high

school swimming career (so far) has been going to the 2012 Junior Nationals Summer Season and winning second place at the state high school competition. I swam the 400 meter freestyle with *Rachael Bukowski*, *MacKenzie Artim*, and *Holly Schuster*. After participating in the nationals, we all won rings," Tetzloff said.

Tetzloff has broken multiple school records and takes pride in her accomplishments.

"I enjoy everything that swimming has to offer, but I really love the experience, meeting new people, and having the thrill of winning," Tetzloff said.

Tetzloff believed that the key to success was through constant practice.

"During the season I practice for a good 2½ hours after school every day and on the weekends. Though it is a lot of work, I would say that it is well worth it," Tetzloff said.

She hopes to go to Auburn College in Auburn, Alabama for swimming. In addition, Tetzloff hopes to qualify for the Olympics.



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The Dynamic Duo

While some 8-year-old kids grew up spending time outside or playing video games, twins *Troy Atkinson* and *Noah Atkinson* were busy starting their first band, *Black Dragon*.

Inspiration from their dad and growing up around music influenced Troy to play the guitar, sing, and write songs. Noah was also played the drums at wrote songs as a kid.

By the age of 11, they were already playing their first shows. "Before our first show was really excited and afterwards I felt like I had just achieved something great," Noah said.

Both of the brothers are in three bands together: *Dick Nixon* and the *Pentagrams*, *Eros*, and *Angel Grave*. Although being brothers in a band could seem like it could start problems, the brothers say otherwise.

"Being in a band with my brother is easier than being with other people. We have a supernatural

chemistry together; I can pay with him better than I can play with anyone else. When we improvise, he can tell what I'm going to do and I can tell what he's going to do, so it works out really well," Troy said.

The Atkinsons naturally spend great deal of time together. They share a lot of the same friends and enjoy having some of the same interests, music being one of their main bonding activities.

"Being brothers, we spend every single day together," Noah said, "We hang out all the time; he's like my best friend."

"My brother and I are together most of the time. We have jam sessions a couple times a week that can be anywhere from 20 minutes, to two hours long. Music is what we do," Troy said.

The Atkinson twins are definitely not your ordinary brothers. Best friends and musicians make these two a dynamic duo.

STORY BY CASSY KIM & EVI LOVIN



"That's what we do. Music."

Christina Kelly
Katherine Kennedy
Deja Kerns
Cheyanne Kessler
Mitchell Kessler
Julian Kettaneh
Cassandra Kim
Eric Kim

Benjamin King
Alyson Kinzie
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Samantha Madrigal
Nicholas Mahaffey

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Brad Marker
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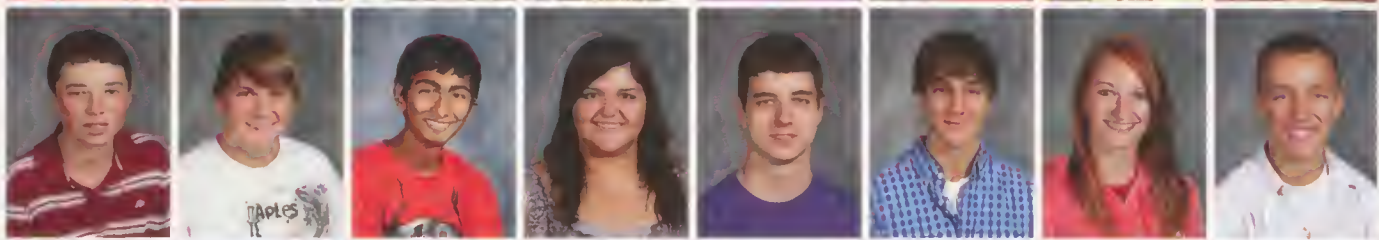
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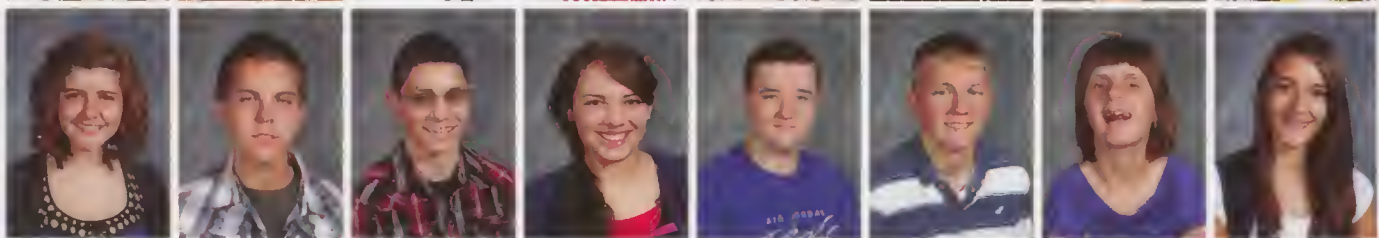
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Dolores Radiceska
Dane Radoja
Collin Raiser
Christian Rak
Brendan Ray
Ian Recker



Justin Vandergriff

Designing his Future

"Born this way," is a phrase sophomore *Justin Vandergriff* lives by. Lady Gaga is his main role model, right next to Glee actor, Chris Colfer. No matter what, they both keep their heads up and continue on with what they are most passionate about. He also favors them because they are not afraid to be who they really are.

A few years ago, Vandergriff realized he was interested in fashion and design so much that it became something that he wanted be around for the rest of his life. He sews, designs, draws, and makes bags and various articles of clothing.

"As soon as I get home from school I start designing, drawing or creating. It's hard to stop because I never want to. It's my outlet," Vandergriff said.

The summer before sophomore year, he decided to raise money to go to Japan, a place he's dreamed about visiting for quite a while.

"I wanted to start making bags to sell in order to raise money, so my mom and I learned how to make satchels," Vandergriff said.

It takes him and his mother about an hour

to make one bag together, but he can finish one in three days by himself.

"When I'm in the mood, I feel like I could make anything," he said.

Bags and satchels are not the only thing Vandergriff can make. One day he plans to turn an old suit coat into a skirt.

"I was just experimenting with an old suit coat I had and I thought it would look really cool as a skirt. Sometime soon, I'd like to actually go through with it," Vandergriff said. He also makes gifts for his friends.

"I make all my friends presents for their birthdays. For my friend Ana's birthday, I made a Kindle case out of cheetah print fabric. It was like the perfect fit," Vandergriff said.

Eventually, Vandergriff wants to study design at his dream college, A.I. Institute. After he graduates, he envisions traveling to Japan to work as a designer at H&M. "I'm going to design clothes for people and I'll see people walking around wearing my stuff," Vandergriff said.

When he's feeling down or uninspired, he simply imagines his ideal future and continues on with what he's most passionate about.

Vandergriff's biggest supporters are



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two of his older brothers, Darren and Ryan. "They never stop encouraging me to do what I love," Vandergriff said. He said his style and creativity set him apart because he's just unique.

"I'm not like anyone else, and I don't ever want to be like anyone else," Vandergriff said.

STORY BY EVI LOVIN & CASSY KIM



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Hannah Reutter
Karson Rice
Jordan Richey
Gabrielle Richmond
Kaitlyn Richwalski

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Daniel Sanchez

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Joseph Santelik
Melissa Sapper
Danielle Schalow
Alexandra Schau
Hailey Schiessle

Ahead of the Game

Students always waited for the end of the day so they go home to relax and hang out. For sophomore *Noah Morales*, relaxing was not an option. Instead of kicking back, he practiced basketball everyday. Morales perfected his dribble and shoot every day for two hours. He has been doing it for five years.

"To be a better player, I watch a lot of instructional videos and weightlift," Morales said. "I was about two when I started getting interested in playing basketball," Morales said.

Morales was influenced by his uncle who wanted him to play high school basketball. "I wasn't as serious about basketball until about seventh grade when my uncle passed away. I was determined to be the best basketball player I could possibly be," Morales said.

"My family supports me a lot. They go to every one of my games and influence me to be the best player I can be," Morales said.

He was also inspired to do his best by his favorite basketball player, Kobe Bryant. "He is so passionate about the game. He is constantly working on how to make himself and his team better," Morales said, "My uncle was a fan of him too because he used to live in L.A. and went to all the games." Morales is such a big fan of Kobe that he named his dog after him.

"I plan on playing basketball for the rest of my life. I hope to get the opportunity to play college basketball. If not, I will work hard to get better," Morales said. "I don't think I will ever stop playing."

STORY BY KRISTIN DIANNI & SHELBY MCCUAN

Noah Morales

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Katie Weller
Angela Wells

Bands That Got Them Fans



You know the phrase, "Like father, like son". For sophomore *Ryan Anderson*, it's not just some phrase, it's a fact. Because of his dad's love and talent for playing guitar, Anderson grew up in house full of musicians.

"My dad influenced me and my brothers to get into music. He has been preforming in the band, Quickchange, since he was 13. He made an impact on my brothers to start getting into music, too," Anderson said.

Ever since Anderson heard his first beat of music, he instantly knew he wanted to be in a band.

"I eventually just grew into it with my brothers. One day they just asked me to play bass and from then on I found myself working my way from bass, to guitar, and now I just recently started doing vocals for about a year and a half. I like vocals the most because you get to express yourself more," Anderson said.

At age 11, Anderson began following the footsteps of his dad and brothers by joining his brothers' band. At the time he joined it was called 7 8 9. Later on they wanted a mature sounding band, and changed it to Corruptor, a melodic hardcore band.

"When the band was still called 7 8 9, I got to go on tour; I only had a month of experience at the time, it was a fun experience," Anderson said.

Being involved in music made unforgettable memories for Anderson.

"The most memorable experience was preforming at the All Stars Tour. There were over 500 people watching and just going crazy. It was the most fun I have ever had on stage," Anderson said.

Although he loves to be involved in a band, he wants to only do it on the side. He wants to follow his dad by focusing on his job and family as a first priority and when he gets the chance to get the band to practice or play a show, he will.

STORY BY KAYLA KASZAK & JEN TSOUKLIS

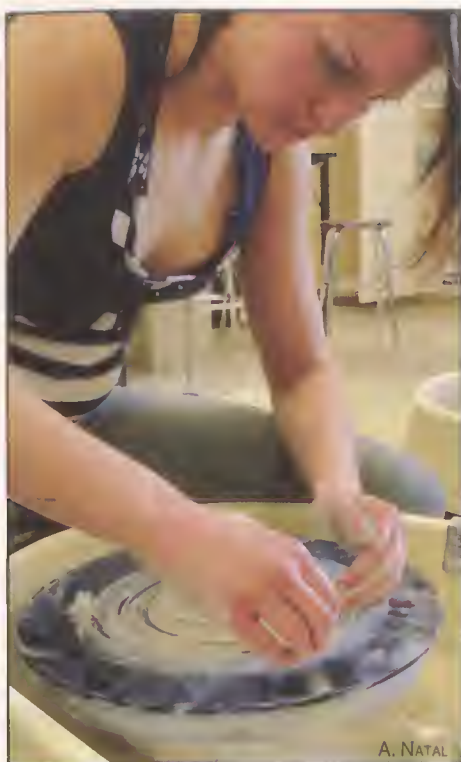
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Gabby Richmond

Sculpting the Future

Sophomore Gabby Richmond is not only a unique girl but she is also a unique artist.

"I love doing abstract things where you kind of have to think about what it is,"

Richmond said. She usually starts off with one thing and she will add more and more of her medium to

it until it turns into something completely different. Richmond normally does her work in art class, but she does spend some time at home working as well. She has an abstract sculpture that is three feet tall displayed in Mrs. Cox's room. Though she likes her biggest piece a lot,

"I don't feel like I need to force myself to be artistic, it just comes naturally."

her favorite piece she's ever done is her candle holder that was inspired from the forest.

Richmond has a unique style that comes out in her artwork. She has an original idea and it transforms into something completely different and even more beautiful than she had originally planned. Her creativity and artistic ability really stand out in her personality.

Richmond plans to go to Columbia College to become a high school art teacher.

Although she hates art history, "I like being given tools and a really wide topic and kind of just take one thing and do what I want with it. I hate structure; I want to do my own stuff. That's what art is," Richmond said.

STORY BY JACQUELYN RETTIG & MORGAN STAHLEY

Riding the Trails to Success

Mud, dirt, rocks. All of these are obstacles that sophomore Darrin Brown encounters while out on the track. Brown started riding BMX in middle school and since then he has traveled cross-country for competitions and improved his skills to the extreme.

Brown competed in over 15 BMX competitions in different states including Florida, Texas, Indiana and Illinois. One of his biggest accomplishments was winning first at a race in 2011 in Florida at the Gator Nationals.

"I felt more accomplished at that race than I had at any other," Brown said. At another national race, Brown met silver medal Olympian, Mike Day.

"I was glad I got the opportunity to meet him. He even signed my jersey," Brown said.

Along with Day, two-time Olympic Gold medalist, Māris Štrombergs is one of Brown's biggest inspirations because of his "outstanding performances and positive attitude."

"Doing what I do takes a lot of dedication and time. Seeing some of the more popular BMXers and their amount of

dedication influences me to try my best," Brown said. Along with his hard work on the track, he has his sponsors to back him up.

Brown is sponsored by the team One Shot, Answer BMX, Rhino Fitness and Troy Lee Designs. These sponsors cover everything from helmets and bike parts to clothing and jerseys. Through the help of all his supporters and even his self-support, he manages keeps up a good self-image.

"When I get beat, it makes me want to improve so I don't make the same mistakes next time. I usually just train harder on my bike," Brown said. BMX is Brown's favorite hobby because it's something he enjoys and is dedicated to unlike anything else.

Brown also set goals for himself for future.

"I won a Podium this year, which is an award honored to the top three at a national race and I'd like to win state champion again," Brown said.

STORY BY EVI LOVIN



Darrin Brown



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Lynn Kholoki

Two Lives in Two Countries

STORY BY BEN JASEK & ALYSSA MAZUR

Nowadays, most kids have lost sight of their heritage and where their family was from, but junior *Lynn Kholoki* has not. Lynn Kholoki has lived in both America and Syria for a substantial amount of time.

"I was born in America, and then moved to Damascus, Syria around the start of middle school. My parents took us there because they wanted us to experience the Syrian culture," Kholoki said. The Kholoki family was in Syria for four years.

Though halfway across the world, to Kholoki, being in Syria did not feel any different versus the United States.

"I feel like I'm in any other city in America. I've really gotten used to it and it seems just like a second home," Kholoki said. "Sure it's a little different, but they're modernized. It's not like they're riding around on camels or anything. Each country is different in my mind, and I have memories in each of them."

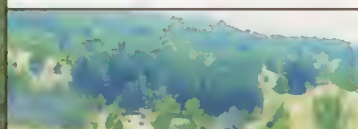
Due to the fighting that broke out in Syria, Lynn's family decided to

move back to America. But sadly, they had to make the tough choice to leave her grandparents back in Syria.

"My grandpa loves his home in Syria, and doesn't want to leave. My mom calls them every day to make sure they're alright and that they don't need anything. It somewhat depends on when I talk to them though because their day is different than ours due to the time zones," Kholoki said.

"We always go to Syria but I haven't been back there since the problems started. My family lived in the wealthier part of Damascus, so it wasn't nearly as dangerous. I lived there for four years but before that we would go to visit my grandparents every summer. Since we've moved back to America I haven't seen them in about two years. My mom visits them but my sisters and I usually don't go with her."

Though Kholoki doesn't plan on moving back to Syria, she still looks forward to visiting what she once called home in the future.



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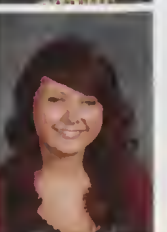
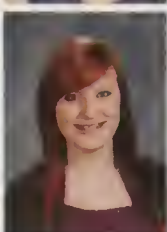
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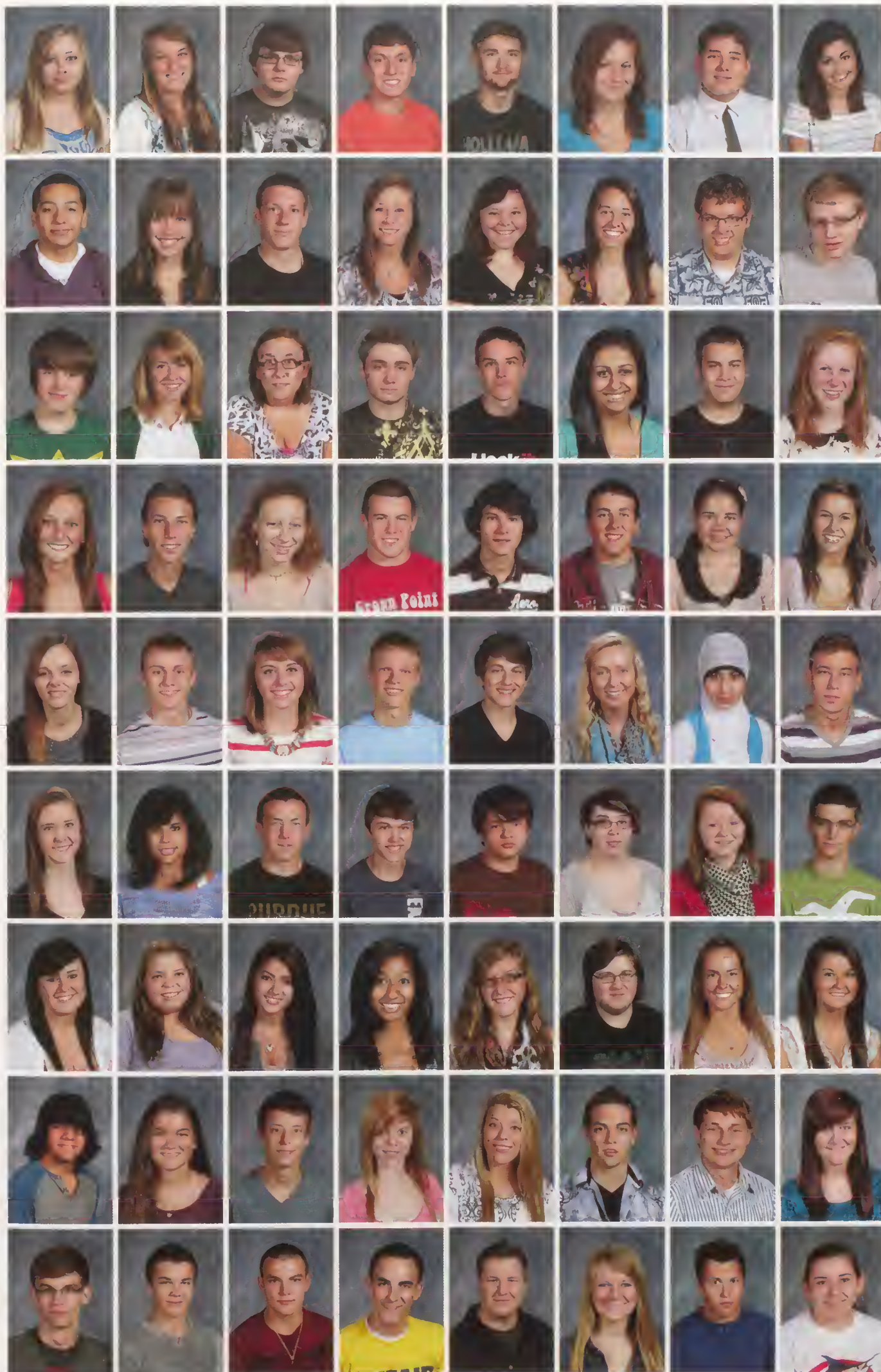


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Mandie Hansen
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Roza Karamacoski
Daniel Kasper
Kyle Kaylor
Mackenzie Keammerer
Bethany Kearns

Burning Rubber

From riding tricycles to mini-motorcycles, junior *David Dentzman* has had 12 years of experience riding dirt bikes. Dentzman developed his motivation to ride a dirt bike by one of his own family members.

"My dad got me into dirt biking, he used to ride when he was little," Dentzman said. "It was a way to spend time with my dad. I feel like I was destined to ride dirt bikes."

In his 12 years of riding, he has been to numerous competitions and has won several awards. He's also made many accomplishments throughout his time as well. With his riding, training was also involved. He accomplished this with eating healthy all year, riding five times a week, and working out.

"My biggest accomplishment was qualifying for the biggest amateur national," Dentzman said. "I've worked so hard

to get my spot in nationals, it gave me a confidence booster knowing that I have the ability to win."

Adding to his accomplishments, he's also made memories. "My favorite memory is when I got my first win in 2001," Dentzman said.

"Memories are made at their best especially when they are made with your friends; one of the best was being with my family and friends and winning a trophy."

Dentzman's passion for dirt biking causes him to consider making it his life-long career. "I wouldn't mind making dirt biking into a living," Dentzman said. "I would get paid to do things I would do on a regular basis and actually enjoy it."

David Dentzman



Reed in 2016

STORY BY NICK MAHAFFEY & MORGAN STAHLEY

At Crown Point High School there were many athletes, but there were none just like junior *Chris Reed*. Reed had high hopes for his future and was determined to make them happen. Reed was training to run track in the 2016 Olympics.

"I started running at Iddings Elementary School when I was 7 years old," Reed said. "I tried playing team sports but I never liked them. I prefer individual sports."

Reed ran the 200 and 400 meter dash. Reed's fastest run in the 200 meter dash was 23.99 seconds. In the 400 meter dash, he ran 51.99 seconds.

Compared to Jamaican Olympic Gold Medalist Usain Bolt who ran 19.32 seconds in the 200 meter dash and the 400 meter dash in 46.74 seconds, showing his

true speed and athletic ability.

"My parents motivate me to run," Reed said. "My dad was very athletic and a great baseball player. I really want to do well in sports."

When it comes to future plans, Reed wanted to run track at the University of Wisconsin and major in athletic training.

For some athletes, religion could play a big role in their daily life.

"I have a ritual to pray right before every race," Reed said.

Practice was a key part in Reed's training to be an Olympian in the future. In practices, Reed strengthened his running abilities and technique. In 2016, Reed is determined to be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the 2016 Olympics.

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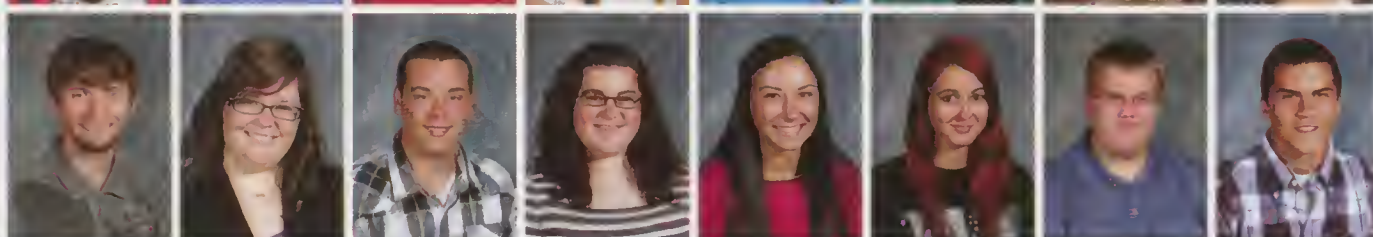


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Kelsie Klein
Trinity Klein
Amanda Klemczak
Brad Koartge
Jacob Kocher



Nico Kochopolous
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Michael O'Sullivan
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Lyndie Pierce
Spencer Pilarski
Michael Pimentel



A Dime a Dozen...+1

STORY BY ALYSSA MAZUR

It's a baker's dozen at the Colvin house. While many kids couldn't even get along with one of their siblings, junior *Leah Colvin* had to deal with 12. While only eight of them lived at home, Colvin had 12 brothers and sisters. Some may think that living with so many people might be a horribly stressful situation. Colvin thought differently.

"I loved growing up with so many kids," Colvin said. "I always had someone to play with. We were really big about inventing our own games. We were always really creative."

On top of having so many people to worry about, the Colvin family had moved six times. They had lived in Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Indiana due to her father's job. Their most recent move had been from Bowling Green, Kentucky to Crown Point.

When the Colvins first moved to Indiana, they couldn't find a house in Crown Point. The Colvins knew they wanted to attend the high school, so they packed 10 people into a one bedroom apartment.

"I really like living in Indiana," Colvin said. "People are really hospitable here and welcoming."

Having a big family isn't seen as easy, but Colvin sees it as completely normal.

"Sometimes it's hard having so many people to worry about," Colvin said. "It's a lot to keep track of, but after they move out they're all on their own, but it's sad because my two older sisters [Becca and Mary] are my best friends and soon we will not all be under the same roof."

Although her life was different than most, it's a situation that had benefitted her greatly. It has showed in her school work, as well.

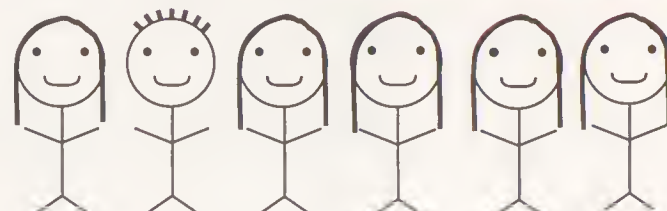
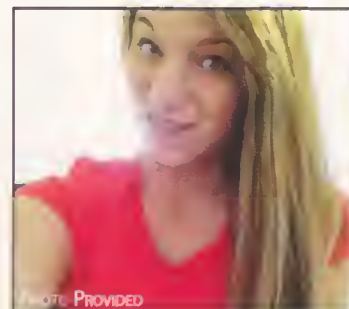
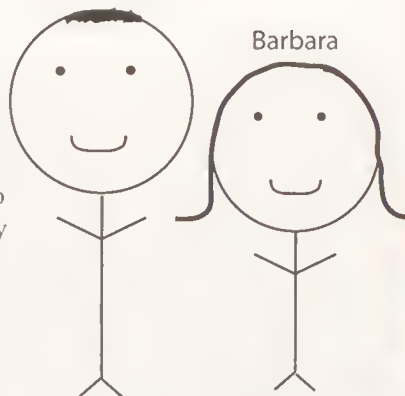
"It was great because I always had someone to help me with homework," Colvin said. "If one person didn't understand, another might. It was good to have so many people willing to help. It made me try harder in school, and definitely made me understand more."

Although her life was sometimes chaotic, Colvin doesn't know any different.

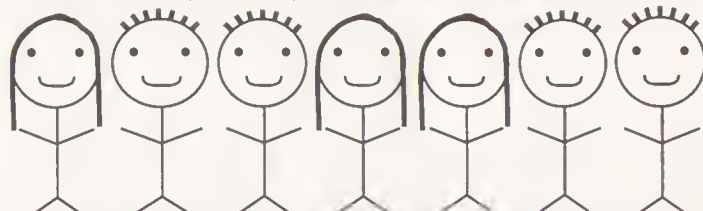
"I love my family," Colvin said. "We may be crazy sometimes, but I wouldn't trade them for the world."

Donald Sr.

Barbara



Deanna, 33 Jeffery, 30 Katelyn, 27 Michelle, 23 Rebecca, 21 Mary, 19



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Southern Switched **NORTH**

Moving across the country is a reality most students would never have to face. Junior *Dayna Justice*, however, made this trip with an open mind. Justice moved to Crown Point from the heart of the south: Alabama. She had to deal with many culture shifts between her home state and her new state.

"In the south, it's a big city and then 45 minutes later you're in another big city. My school's graduating class was 202, and now it's 620, so it's a lot different," Justice said. The Crown Point school system itself was very different from that of the south.

"School up here is harder. They definitely teach English more; down in the south, it's more math based." Along with cultural and educational shifts, she and her family had to accommodate to climate changes.

"I used to come up here during the winters. The year before I left, we had eight inches of snow and we were out of school for a week because we don't get snow," Justice said, "It's weird being up here when it's snowing because we always used to get delays and cancellations."

Making the transition from the south to the midwest could be a challenge for some. Justice gained a new vantage from this trip and lost a lot from moving. However, she believes the trip was worth it. "I have a lot of friends in Alabama, but I think for education purposes I think here is better. It's a better opportunity." Dayna dealt with the struggles and made the move in stride.

Justice still has intentions on making the trip back down south for another chapter in her life. "I want to go back to the south for college at Auburn University of Alabama and I want to go for special needs," Justice said. "I don't know if I really want to stay in Alabama, but I definitely want to be in the south."

Making the transition from a populated community to a rural suburb can mean many changes in a person's life. For Dayna Justice, these changes were for the best.

STORY BY JULIA ABBOTT & NICHOLAS CAIN





Charles Santiago
Benjamin Sarbieski
Stevan Savich
Paige Schafer
Michael Schalasky Jr.
Sylvia Schmid
Tobey Schmidt
Marissa Schoedel



Vincent Schoenborn
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Denton Schurg
Holly Schuster
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Jaskaran Singh
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Amanda Stieve



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Morgan Stolko
Ashley Stolte
George Strama
Robert Stratton
Ashley Street
Brandon Strong
Jade Stryzinski



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Michael Sullivan
Anna Surufka
Alexandria Swallers
Adrienne Swanson
Samantha Swenton
Kailee Swift
Caitlin Szyborski



Not Your Ordinary Girl

STORY BY PAIGE NESEMEIER & JACQUELYN RETTIG

Madi

McGuckin was not your ordinary teenage girl. She participated in theatre and she was an honorary student, but she had a secret that isn't exactly a secret. She is a huge fanatic when it comes to obsessions and a huge fan of famous people.

"I fan girl for a lot of things, mostly One Direction. TV shows like *Glee*, *New Girl* and *American Horror Story* are also important too," McGuckin said.

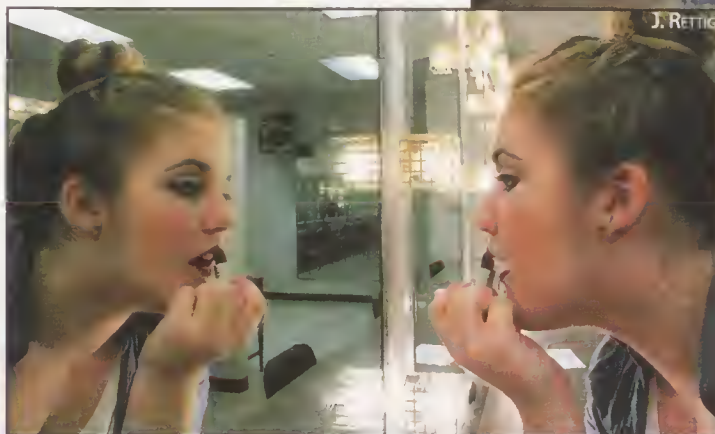
Due to her intense fascination, she had the opportunity to meet some of her favorite famous people.

"I met the *Newsies* cast, and when the star Jeremy Jordan came out, I started hyperventilating, and he was really concerned. He was six people down and he turned back and asked me how I was and then I almost peed my pants. I saw Justin Bieber at a mall once. I also punched Brad Paisley's body guard

because I was really close to him and I tried to touch him."

A way McGuckin spends her free time is by frequently writing songs. "I have three notebooks full of songs, and then I have 130 recordings of me while I was singing in my room."

McGuckin is a normal girl with average intentions, but her obsessions and her voice is what makes her really stand out.



Joelle Takacs
Katija Tarailo
Emily Tassi
Dylan Taylor
Toby Taylor
Ayman Tebry
Megan Thornberry
Sarah Tiernan



Katherine Tomczak
Jesse Torres
Zachary Toth
Lauren Touchette
Michael Traina
Darko Trajanoski
Klimentina Trajcevska
Athena Tran



Nichole Treadway
Cadylynn Troupe
Athanasios Tsiongas
Abdiel Valerio
Stephanie Van Drunen
Anthony VanAuken
Kailyn Vandas
Justice VanVossen



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Nicole Vest
Selena Villarreal
Jack Vinovich
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Angela Zieba

Katie Zimmerman

Taking the Stage

Some television shows that have stolen America's heart are *American Idol* and *The Voice*. Most people in America love to sing but are too afraid to put themselves out there to try, but not for juniors *Madison McKendry* and *Mackenzie Hood*. McKendry tried out for *American Idol* in the 2012 season while Hood tried out for the 2013 season of *The Voice*.

"I wanted to try out for the show because I like to sing. The energy on the show made it look like a lot of fun," McKendry said.

On the other hand, Hood had a different input on the subject.

"I wanted to try out because I was bored. I am not even a fan of *The Voice*," Hood said.

Getting onto the show was a long drawn out process for these two competitors.

"I woke up at five in the morning

and wasn't allowed inside the United Center until eight, McKendry said. "I sang "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele."

"I left the house at six in the morning and drove to Chicago and at the last minute I decided to sing "Like You Do" by Angel Taylor," Hood said.

Unfortunately, the girls did not qualify but ironically neither of them were devastated.

"When I found out I did not qualify, I wasn't really that upset because it was a great experience," McKendry said.

"When I found out I didn't qualify, I laughed in front of the judges," Hood said.

Even though they didn't advance onto the show they still hope to continue singing and try out for future seasons.



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STORY BY TRISHA KASZAK & AMANDA GILBERT

Seniors

class of 2013

Pictured
Nick Kujawski



President Lauren Murphy

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B. JASEK



Anna Adams- Choir (class) 9-12, Fall Play 9-12, Spring Musical 9-12
Taylor Adams- Peer Tutor 10, Powder Puff 9-10, Swimming 9-10
Stephen Alessia- CASS Cadets 10-12, Football 9-12
Sloane Alexander- Best Buddies 12, CASS Cadets 11, GVC 9-12, Homecoming Court 9, Softball 9, Volleyball 9-12
Joshua Allen- Band 9-12, Royal Regiment 11-12, Jazz Band 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra 10-12, Pit Orchestra 9-12, P.A.C.E. 12, Tennis 9-11

Matthew Anderson
Samantha Angel- Athletic Council 12, Cheerleading 9-12, DARE Role Models 12, GVC 10-12, Powder Puff 9-10, Track 9-10
Brittany Ash- Choir (class) 9-12
Claire Atherton- CASS Cadets 10, Cheerleading 9-12, German Club 9, Marine Biology Club 9, Powder Puff 9-10
Daniel Aultman- Baseball 9, Best Buddies 12, Football 9-12, Hockey 12, Homecoming Court 12, Letterman's Club 11-12, Peer Tutor 9-12, Student Council 9-10, Class Officers 9, Track 11

Jessica Ayala- Softball 9-10
Dylan Badzovski
Cody Baird- Cross Country 9-10, German Club 11, Track 9-10
Paulina Bakalina- Choir 9-10, Peer Tutor 11-12
Miranda Baliga- Softball 9

Thomas Bardeson- Athletic Council 12, Basketball 9-12, Eastern European 11-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, Rotarians 12
Paul Barenie- Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band 9-12 Jazz Band 10 & 12, Best Buddies 12, Dodgeball 9-10, Football 9, Latin Club 9-12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Spell Bowl 12, Curling 9-12
Joel Barnum- Steggerda
Cassandra Bartlett- CASS Cadets 10-12, Choir (class) 9, Dance Team 9-12, National Honors Society: 12, Lead Council 11-12
Briana Basic

Amber Bean
Bailey Beckham- Athletic Council 12, Best Buddies 12, Choir (class) 9, GVC 9-12, Powder Puff 11-12, Student Council 9-12, Track 9-12
Katelin Bednar- Japanese Club: 9-11
Samuel Beishuizen- BPA 10-12, Dodgeball 12, Golf 9-12, Inklings 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Quill & Scroll 10-12, Rotarians 12, Student Council 9-12
Jasmine Bernard- Choir (class) 9-12, Soccer 9-10, Track 9-12

Brandon Bernhardt
Kiah Bertocchi- Excalibur 11, French Club 9, Gymnastics 9
Adam Binder
Keith Birmingham- Choir (class) 9-12, QYP 10-12, Fall Play 10-11, Spring Musical 9-12, Windfall 9
Zachary Bisel- Boys' and Girls' State 12, German Club 12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 11-12, Quiz Bowl 11-12

Nolan Bish- Baseball 9, Football 9-12, German Club 9, Track 10-12, Lettermans Club
Melanie Black- Bowling 11, Choir (class) 9-11, German Club 10, Lady Steppaz 10
Desiree Blastic- Bowling 9-12, FCCLA 12, ProStart 12
Amanda Blaylock
Taylor Borders- Peer Tutor 11-12, Powder Puff 9, 11-12, Volleyball 9

Hayley Bordui- Basketball 9-11, BPA 10-12, German Club 9, GVC 9-11, Key Club 9-11, LEAD 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 12, Powder Puff 10,12, Student Council 9
Samantha Borella- BPA 11-12, Cheerleading 9-11, GVC 10-11
Blaize Borovich- Baseball 9-10, CASS Cadet 9-10, 12, Eastern European Club 11-12, Lacrosse 11-12, National Honor Society 12, PACE 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Student Council 9
Victoria Borowski- GVC 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 9, Soccer 9-12, Student Council 10-11
Anthony Bortoli



Luke Botkin- Cross Country 9, Extreme Sports 12, Wrestling 9-11
Lucia Bracco- Athletic Council 11-12, BPA 10, Golf 9-12, GVC 10-12, LEAD 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Rotarians 12, Student Council 9-12, Class Officers 10-11, Student Council Officer 12, Tennis 9-10
Brandon Bradbury
Braxton Bradbury- Football 9, German Club 11
Megan Brazeal



Emily Brown
Alicia Burke- Peer Tutor 12
Michael Burke- Latin Club 9-11, R.P.G. Club 11-12, X-Box Club 9-12
Trevor Burlison- Wrestling 10-12
Tyler Burlison- Wrestling 12



Katherine Burrell- Japanese Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 9-12, Pit. Orchestra 9-12, Rotarians 12, Windfall 9, Ballroom Dance Club 12
Ananda Byk- CASS Cadets 11, Choir (class) 9-12, FCCLA 10, French Club 9-11, Peer Tutor 10-12
Gregory Caldwell- Vex Robotics 11-12
Jeffery Cameron- CASS Cadets 12, Spanish Club 11
Christian Campos



Megan Cantu- Art Club 9-10, 12, Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, LEAD 12, National Honors Society 12, Pit Orchestra 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Crochet Club 11-12
Jacob Carey- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Football 9, Letterman's Club 11-12
Allison Carpenter- CASS Cadets 10, Cross Country 9-12, GVC 9-12, Rotarians 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Track 9-12
Nicolo Carreon
Cole Cartwright



Kiera Casbon
Kylee Casbon
Taylor Cassidy
Zachary Chasko
Meghan Chaussey- Dance Team 9-10, FCCLA 11-12, Managers 12, Peer Tutor 12, ProStart 11



Connor Christian
Christine Church- Band (class) 9-10, Gymnastics 9, Peer Tutor 10, Powder Puff 9-11, Spanish Club 9
Rebeca Cierniak
Thomas Cierniak- Cross Country 9-12, Letterman's Club 10-12, Track 9-12
Mallary Claar- Choir (class) 9-12, Color Guard 9



Matching Up

Being a well-rounded student throughout your high school career can help benefit one socially and academically. Senior *Amber Haworth* knew that this was an important element to being a successful high school student as she was committed to tennis, various clubs and academics.

Haworth began her tennis career her freshman year. "I began playing when my brother always challenged me to play against him and win," Haworth said. "When I finally beat him, it felt great."

Her best accomplishment so far is being ranked tenth in the state. "I was really happy about being ranked in the top 10," Haworth said.

During her junior year, Haworth suffered an injury when her calf cramped up during the Valparaiso

match in the '11-12 season. Even through injury, Haworth knew how to pull through for her team. "My favorite memory from tennis was playing with a cramped up calf and beating my opponent," Haworth said.

As a varsity tennis player, Haworth understood the importance of academics before sports. Her favorite subject happens to be math.

"Mathematics comes natural to me," Haworth said. "I just understand it." Her best accomplishment so far academically is getting 100% on all of her math finals since freshman year.

Haworth plans attending Ball State University after graduating. "I'm gonna be a professional tennis player," Haworth said. "Just watch."

STORY BY SAM RUDER & DIONNA CASILLAS



Amber Haworth

N. KUJAWSKI



Kaylee Clark- Choir (class) 9-12, Japanese Club 11-12, Key Club 9-10, 12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 12, Tennis 9-11

Timothy Claus- CPHS Showtime 10, German Club 9, Hoosier Barbell 9-10, ICE 12, Showtime 10

Cara Click- Best Buddies 12, GVC 9-12, Powder Puff 12, Spanish Club 9, Swimming 9-12

Carlye Colby

Brandi Collins- Athletic Council 10-11, Green Machine 12, GVC 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E 11, Student Council 9,12, Trainers 9-12

Brian Comer

Matyson Coppess- Charity Finders 12, GVC 10-12, Softball 9-11, Volleyball 9-10

Breanna Cramer- Peer Tutor 10-12

Nicolas Crider- Best Buddies 12, Choir (class) 9-11, Dodgeball 9, Japanese Club 10-11, Peer Tutor 10-11, Special Needs Basketball 10-11, X-Box Club 10-11

Mariel Cuellar- Academic Decathlon 11-12, Cross Country 10-12, Key Club 12, National Honors Society 12, Spring Musical 12

Ashley Curtis- Basketball 9, CASS Cadets 10-12, Show Choir 10-12, Fall Play 9-12, LEAD 12, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 9-10, Spanish Club 10, Spring Musical 9-12, Stray Dogs 12, Thespians 9-12, Track 9, Windfall 12

Issac Curtis- Art Club 11-12, Band (class) 9, 11-12, Classic Game 12, Japanese Club 11-12, Peer Tutor 12, Unplugged Gaming 12, X-Box Club 12

Payton Darnstaedt- Boys' and Girls' State 12, Key Club 10, Letterman's Club 11-12, Soccer 9-12, Track 9-10

Wesley Dault- Cross Country 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, Track 9-12

Christopher Davis- Extreme Sports 12, Swimming 11-12, Ultimate Frisbee 12



Dancing to a

Different Beat

It is nothing strange to hear that the girl in high school used to be in ballet, but not very often do people hear of a girl performing the art of clogging. Senior *Karissa Mills* has been clogging since she was only 5 years old. Her grandmother started a group when she was young and has not stopped since.

"My favorite part of clogging is performing because I enjoyed making people happy by doing something I love," Mills said.

As not many people knew what clogging really was, there are some common misconceptions about the art.

"Many automatically think wooden shoes when they hear clogging," Mills said. "Truth is we wear leather shoes almost like tap shoes, but tap is much easier and the double taps on our shoes make a much different sound," Mills said.

Clogging has had many different impacts on her life, some of the negatives being missing out with

opportunities with friends and family. Despite that, it has also had positive impacts, such as introducing music and rhythm into her life.

"The workshops and skill level of the classes I was in increased my knowledge of music and dance," Mills said.

She plans to go into music as a career and is glad that clogging helped her understand music and rhythms so well.

Clogging was not very well known and Mills had mixed feelings about this fact. "It would be nice if more people knew about it, but at the same time, I want to keep it to myself so that I don't have to share something I love," Mills said. When she was not clogging, Mills was in many other dance and music groups, such as color guard and advanced band. She was constantly around music and could never love it more.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD

Melissa Davis- Art Club 9-12, Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, Fall Play 9, French Club 10,12, Japanese Club 11, National Honors Society 12, Spell Bowl 12

Gabrielle Day-Fall Play 9, FCCLA 10-11, French Club 10, Peer Tutor 10-12, ProStart 11

Sarah Debs-Art Club 9, Key Club 10, Powder Puff 10-11, Student Council 10, Tennis 9-12

Kelsie Dees- Art Club 9-12, Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band 9-12

Benjamin DeGoey- Lathe Dogs 9-12, Orchestra (class) 9-10, Pit Orchestra 9, Track 10

Daniel DeGoey- Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 10-12, Pit Orchestra 9, Rotarians 12

Madison DeGoey- Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 11-12, Fall Play 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 10-11, Pit Orchestra 9, Spring Musical 10-12

Christopher Dietrich- Athletic Counsel 10-12, Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Boys' and Girls' State 12, LEAD 11, Letterman's Club 9-12, P.A.C.E. 9-12, Rotarians 12, Prom Court 12

Timothy Dobos

Kaitlyn Dodd- Art Club 9-10, Splat 10-12

Caroline Doolin- BPA 12, CASS Cadets 9-12, Choir 9-10, Powder Puff 11-12, Student Council 9-10, Volleyball 9-10

Jacob Dowell

Ashley Downing- Band (class)9-12, Pep Band 9-10, Jazz Band 10-12, Color Guard 9-10, CURE 9, Excalibur 10-12, Inklings 10-11, National Honors Society 12, Quill & Scroll 10-12, Recording Club 11-12, Rotarians 12, CPTV 11-12, Tech. Club 11-12, Curling 12

Matthew Duvall- Hockey 12, Lathe Dogs 9-10

Emily Dykstra- Royal Regiment 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Track 12





Alyssa Dzieciolowski

Jillian Earley- CASS Cadets 12, Splat 12

Kevin Edgington- Baseball 9, 12

Kayla Ellis- Choir (class) 9, Japanese Club 9-12, Speech 9, Windfall 9

Abigail Elston- Fall Play 9-12, French Club 9-12, Inklings 10-12, Key Club 9-12, LEAD 11-12, Managers 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Pit. Orchestra 11, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 9-12, Tennis 9-10, Thespians 9-12

Taylor Equihua- Athletic Council 12, Basketball 9, 11-12, CASS Cadets 11-12, Choir (class) 9-12, Bella Voce 9-11, GVC 9-12, Peer Tutor 12, Rotarians 10, 12, Student Council 9-12

Danielle Espinoza- Dance Team 11-12, Fall Play 11, InterAct 9, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 12, Powder Puff 12, Soccer 9, Spanish Club 9, Student Council 9-10, Tennis 9-12

Matthew Falaney Jr.- ICE 12, Diving 9-11

Christine Fargo- CASS Cadets 12, Fall Play 9-12, French Club 9-10, Spring Musical 9-12, Thespians 9-12

Courtney Farrell- GVC 10-12, LEAD 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Quiz Bowl 9-10, Soccer 9-12, Student Council 9-12, Class Officers 9-12, Track 9

Adrian Favor

Candice Feliciano

Keith Feller- Track 10-12

Kyle Feller- Book Club 12, CPHS Showtime 12, Debate 11, Fall Play 11, Key Club 9-11, Showtime 12, Stray Dogs (Improv) 12, Windfall 9-11, Ballroom Dance Club 11

Alexander Fenn- Soccer 9-12

Katie Fenn- Choir (class) 9-12, Show Choir 10-11, Fall Play 10-12, French Club 9, Peer Tutor 10-12, Spring Musical 10-12, Thespians 10-11

Cameron Fisher- Baseball 9, Green Machine 12, Wrestling 9

Katlyn Flamme- Managers 9-11, Powder Puff 9-12

Ryan Flanery- Football 9-12, CPTV 12

Anthony Flynn- Football 9, Wrestling 9-12

Katherine Foore- FCCLA 11-12, French Club 10, Orchestra (class) 9-12

Amy Fotopoulos- Band (class) 11-12, Pep Band 11-12, CASS Cadets 12, Fall Play 11, FCA 11-12, Peer Tutor 11, Spell Bowl 11-12

Chad Fowler- BPA 10, Tennis 10

Jeffery Frahm- Fall Play 10-12, Football 10-11, ICE 12, Peer Tutor 10, Spring Musical 10-12, Track 10-11

Katherine Francis- CASS Cadets 9-10, Cheerleading 9-12, French Club 9-10, Peer Tutor 9-11, Powder Puff 9-10, Student Council 9-10

Michael Gail

Joey Garcia- Basketball 9, ICE 12, Lady Steppaz 10, Student Union 10-12

Yezziel Garcia- French Club 11-12, German Club 9, 11

Nicolas Garcia- Vivente- Letterman's Club 9-12, Soccer 9-12

Emilee Garrison

Joseph Gawor- Band (class) 9, BPA 12, Football 9, Latin Club 9-11, Letterman's Club 11-12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Tennis 9-12, Gurd Society 9-12, Prom Court 12

Anthony Geisen- Basketball 9, CASS Cadets 10-12, DARE Role Models 12, Dodgeball 10-12, Football 9-12, Golf 9, Homecoming Court 12, InterAct 9-10, Letterman's Club 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 9-12, Rotarians 12

Taryn Gellinger

James Gerolimos

Amanda Gilbert-Excalibur 11-12, Fall Play 10-11, French Club 9-10, Managers 12, Orchestra 9-10
Samantha Gill- Choir (class) 9-11, Show Choir 9-10, Fall Play 9-10, Student Council 10, Swimming 9-10, Track 10
Joel Gintzler- Band (class) 9-10, Swimming 9-12
Noah Gordon
Molly Grace- Choir (class) 11-12, Bella Voce 12, Show Choir 11, Fall Play 10-12, Inkings 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Quill & Scroll 12, Spring Musical 10-12, Stray Dogs (Improv) 10-12, Thespians 11-12

Alexa Grady- Cheerleading 9, 11, Inkings 9-12, Peer Tutor 9, 12, Special Needs Cheer 11-12
Justin Graham- P.A.C.E. 11-12, Quill & Scroll 10, Ultimate Frisbee 12, Windfall 9-12
Olivia Graham- Film Society 9-10, Inkings 10, Latin Club 9-10, LEAD 12, MSA 10, National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 10, 12, Philosophy Club 9-10, 12, Quill & Scroll 10, 12, Student Council 9-10, 12, Class Officers 9-10, Student Council Officer 12, Track 9, Windfall 9-10, 12, Lake Street Tutor 10, 12
Mackenzie Gray- Choir (class) 9-10, Key Club 11-12, Lacrosse 12, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 12, Softball 9-10
Taylor Green- ICE 12, Powder Puff 9-12, CPTV 12, Student Union 11, Tennis 9, 11-12

Ron Greep
Nathaniel Gresham
Bernard Gromala
Kendra Grubbe
Kaylah Grzych- Choir (class) 9-11, Volleyball 9
Kristopher Guel- Band (class) 11, Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 11

Kristopher Guel- Band (class) 11, Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 11
Dominic Guevara- Lathe Dogs 10-12
Kaylee Guritz- Fall Play 9-12, Japanese Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Spring Musical 9-12, Thespians 11-12
Siena Gyure- GVC 10-12, Softball 9-12
Justin Halsey

Blake Hammons
Eric Haniford- Baseball 9-10
Sabrina Hardesty- Freeman
Vanessa Haro- BPA 12, CASS Cadets 9, Choir (class) 9-12, FCCLA 10, 12, National Honors Society 12, Spring Musical 11, Swimming 10-12
Chlo'e Harris

Daniel Hartman- Football 9, Letterman's Club 12, Peer Tutor 11, Wrestling 9-12
Amber Haworth- Basketball 9, FCCLA 12, French Club 12, GVC 9-12, Latin Club 9-11, Tennis 9-12
Jacob Hazi- Football 9-10, Letterman's Club 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Wrestling 9-12
Jared Hebda-Band (class) 9-10, Cross Country 9-12, Latin Club 9-11, Letterman's Club 11-12, Track 9-11
Jaime Heberly
Brianna Hemminger- Cheerleading 11-12, GVC 9-12, Gymnastics 9-12
Tyler Hendrickson- CASS Cadets 10, Football 9, German Club 9-10, Green Machine 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Track 9, Wrestling 10-11
Megan Henery- Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band 9-12, CASS Cadets 10, 12, Latin Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 10-12, Spell Bowl 11-12, Symphony Orchestra 12
Alexis Hesser- Choir 9, Excalibur 9-12, Latin Club 9-11, Quill & Scroll 10-12, Student Council 9-12, Class Officers 9-11, Student Council Officer 12, Tech. Club 12, Rotarians 12, SPLAT 9, Lake Street Tutor 10-12
Hope Hobgood-Best Buddies 12, Book Club 9, Choir (class) 11-12, Fall Play 10-12, Latin Club 9-12, Powder Puff 11-12, Spring Musical 10-12, Tennis 9-12, Thespians 10-12, Windfall 12



Hidden Talents



"I am normally perceived as an athlete," senior *Alex Nickla* said. "People don't see me as intelligent and a competent, capable being."

Some students perceived Nickla as a typical, high school jock, however, there was much more to him than his athletic ability.

"The girls think he is attractive, and people perceive him as a nice, kind-hearted, school-spirited, and caring guy," senior *David Kepshire* said. Kepshire and Nickla planned to room together at Indiana University.

Playing sports was not the only talent that Nickla had. At age 13, he started avidly playing *Guitar Hero* and an interest in music sparked.

"My brother tried taking lessons and, at the same time, I started shredding on *Guitar Hero*. I wanted to learn for real," Nickla said. "I started teaching myself on my brother's old-school first act guitar."

A year after he picked up the guitar, he discovered his sense of rhythm while playing *Rock Band*. Then Nickla started playing drums.

"My dad bought me a drum set after I showed an interest but then it sat around for three years," he said. "Eventually I picked it up again and began playing with the St. Mary's

church's band."

California Reggae was Nickla's favorite genre of music to play. Reggae had a very heavy, accented beat pattern.

"That style of music puts me in a certain state of mind that's immeasurable. I feel as if all worries are discarded. It makes me feel like I'm on a beautiful beach, with sunny skies and perfect temperatures. And for me that's sweet serenity."

While Nickla was very busy with training and sports, he still found time to practice almost every day.

"I first started jamming with (senior) *Nick Valentino* and obviously the St. Mary's choir, and then I started playing with (alumni) *Jake Lindeman* and *Tyler Wells*."

In Technical Communications, a class that was originated that school year, Nickla became a part of a band called *Anything Auburn*.

He added, "Now I jam with my band. Anything Auburn is with (senior) *John MacNeil*, (senior) *Jake Voss*, and our artists (sophomore) *Roman Ruiz* and (sophomore) *Becca Olesek*."

Nickla had thought that making a career of music would be interesting, but he said he would not be crushed if it did not work out.

STORY BY ASHLEY DOWNING



Seth Hofstra

Ashley Holland- CASS Cadets 10-12, German Club 9-12, GVC 9-12, InterAct 12, LEAD 11-12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 12, Pit Orchestra 10,12, Student 9-10, Class Officers 9, Swimming 9-12

Sarah Holland- Choir (class) 9-10, German Club 9-12, InterAct 12, Student Council 9-10

Courtney Holm- Softball 9-12, Stray Dogs (Improv) 12

Kelsey Hopkins- Academic Decathlon 10-12, Academic Superbowl 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Quiz Bowl 9-12, Rotarians 12, Track 9-12

Miranda Hostinsky- French Club 9-10

Ashley Howliet- Student Union 9-12, Track 10

Stacy Huemmerich

Nicholas Huls- Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band 11-12, FCA 9-12, Letterman's Club 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Swimming 9-12

Marlee James- Best Buddies 11

Hannah Jamroz- Peer Tutor 10-11, Powder Puff 9-12, Track 9-10, Volleyball 9-10

Cody Jillson

Amariz Jimenez- CASS Cadets 10, 12, Orchestra (class) 9-11

Blaze Johnson

Natasha Jolakoski

Getting Swole

STORY BY MORGAN STAHLEY & NICK MAHAFFEY

Many high school girls dreamed of being on the cheerleading squad or becoming a member of the volleyball team. Senior *Hanah Jamroz* had a different idea. She found an interest in bodybuilding.

"When I broke my leg, I wanted to get a gym membership because I thought I was going to get fat," Jamroz said. It then turned into something larger.

"The person who got me started in bodybuilding was a guy, who is now my boyfriend. I had an interest in it but he was my guidance," Jamroz said.

Her motivation was her boyfriend and her new diet plan, a low carb diet. "I eat peanut butter for carbs and chicken and eggs for my protein," Jamroz said.

For many, a transition into a new diet could be tough.

"This has been pretty hard on me. I

get tired and shaky," Jamroz said. "But the results are worth it."

"For the week I do one body part a day," Jamroz said. "My workout plan consisted of Mondays I'd do back, Tuesdays I'd do arms, Wednesdays I'd do shoulders, Thursdays I'd do chest, and Fridays I'd do legs."

"I get the weekend off, but I do cardio and abs every day," Jamroz said.

This took determination and dedication. At one point her leg press was more than four times her own body weight.

"My favorite thing to do is either curls because they make my muscles pop, or squats because they give you a nice butt," Jamroz said.

Her fascination over bodybuilding became a new way of being a healthy person.



Ashley Jones- CASS Cadets 10-12, Choir (class) 9-12, Show Choir 9-12, Dance Team 9-10, French Club 9-11, Key Club 9, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 9-11, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 10-12, Tennis 9-12, Thespians 9-12

Darryl Jones Jr.- Track 11-12

Sean Jones- Baseball 12, CASS Cadets 12, DARE Role Models 12, Football 9-12, Hoosier Barbell 9-12, Letterman's Club 11-12

Alexandra Jostes- Choir (class) 9-12, Bella Voce 11-12, Cross Country 9-12, GVC 10,12, Homecoming Court 12, Latin Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 12, Student Council 9-12, Class Officers 12, Track 9-10, Prom Court 12

Jacob Junkens

Claudia Jurgensen- Eastern European Club 11, Powder Puff 10-11

Richele Kaiser- Choir (class) 9-11, ICE 12, Spanish Club 9

Mitchel Kalinowski- CASS Cadets 12, Football 9-12, Track 10-11

Johnathan Karakozis

Trisha Kaszak- Excalibur 11-12, GVC 10-12, Key Club 12, Soccer 9-11, Track 9-11

Rebecca Kazdoy- Royal Regiment 11-12, Best Buddies 12, CASS Cadets 12, Color Guard 11-12, Winter Guard 11-12, Fall Play 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 11-12, Spring Musical 11-12

Anna Keilman- CASS Cadets 10, 12, Excalibur 9, Managers 10-12, Trainers 10

Kramer Keilman- Football 9-10, 12, InterAct 9, Letterman's Club 10, 12

Katheryn Keller- Best Buddies 12, Charity Finders 10-11, Choir (class) 9-10, CURE 9-12, Excalibur 10, Film Society 11, Golf 9, Key Club 10-11, Latin Club 9-12, LEAD 9-12, Peer Tutor 10-11, Powder Puff 9-12, Student Council 10, Student Council 10, Student Union 9-10, Track 11-12, Windfall 9

Jordan Kelly- Football 9, Letterman's Club 9-12, Track 9-12, Wrestling 9-10





Joseph Kelnhofer- Lacrosse 11-12

David Kepshire- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9, Inklings 12, Letterman's Club 11-12, National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Prom Court 12

Shelby Kerr

Marks Kessler- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Letterman's Club 11-12, National Honors Society 12

Matthew Kessler

Ryan Keyl

Austin Kharchaf

Rayne Kim- Academic Decathlon 10-12, Academic Superbowl 10-12, Golf 9, Japanese Club 9-10, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 9-12, Pit Orchestra 10, Quiz Bowl 9-10, 12, Rotarians 12

Ashlyn King- Basketball 9, Peer Tutor 9, Volleyball 9-11

Padraic Kirby- Latin Club 9-11

Sara Kish- Choir (class) 9-12, Cross Country 10-12, GVC 12

Casey Kitchen- Choir (class) 9-12, QYP 10-12, Fall Play 10, 12, Golf 9-12, Japanese Club 9-11, Letterman's Club 9-11, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 9-12, Thespians 11-12

Quentin Klingberg- Athletic Council 11-12, Best Buddies 12, Choir (class) 9-12, QYP 12, Football 9-12, Homecoming Court 12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 9-10, 12, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 12, Track 9-12, Wrestling 9-12

Samantha Konicki- Academic Decathlon 11, Best Buddies 12, FCCLA 12, Latin Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 12, Quiz Bowl 12, Gurd Society 12

Alexandra Kontor- CASS Cadets 11-12, Cheerleading 10-12, GVC 10-12, Key Club 12, Student Council 9-10

Blake Kooi- Best Buddies 12, Dance Team 9-12, GVC 10-12, Peer Tutor 10-12, Powder Puff 9-11

Savannah Kotul

Kostantinos Kratimenos- Band (class) 9-11, Dodgeball 12

Aleksandar Kruich- CASS Cadets 10-12, Eastern European 11-12, Key Club 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Spanish Club 9-11

Lindsey Krowiarz- Winter Drumline 11, Pep Band 11, FCCLA 12, Latin Club 9-11, Orchestra (class) 9-10, Prostart 12, Marching Band 11

Travis Kucic- Athletic Council 11-12, Cross Country 9-12,

Letterman's Club 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Track 9-12

Nicholas Kujawski- Band (class) 9-10, Pep Band 9, CPHS Show Time 11-12, DARE Role Models 12, Excalibur 10-11, Fall Play 12, Film Society 12, National Honors Society 12, Quill & Scroll 10-11, Tennis 9-11, Thespians 12, Windfall 10, 12

Derrick Kula- Hoosier Barbell 11-12, Wrestling 10

Madelynn Kurgan- DARE Role Models 9-10, X-Box Club 9

Tyler Kwiatkowski- Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band 9-12

Aleksandra Laboski- CASS Cadet 9-12, Eastern European 9-12, ICE 12, Powder Puff 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, Tennis 9-10

Luke Lambert- Choir (class) 9-10, 12, QYP 12, Football 9-12, Golf 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12

Courtney Lambie

Matthew Langbehn- Football 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, Ultimate Frisbee 9-12, Wrestling 9-12

Nicholas Langbehn- Choir (class) 9-12, QYP 12, Football 9-12, Homecoming Court 12, Latin Club 9-11, Letterman's Club 12, National Honors Society 12, Rotarians 12, Wrestling 9

Emily Langston- CASS Cadets 10-11, Gymnastics 11-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-10, Spanish Club 9

Jennifer Lankas

Nicole Lankas- Homecoming Court 9, Powder Puff 10-11

Shelby Lawson- Bowling 9-12, FCCLA 11, LEAD 11-12, Peer Tutor 11-12, Student Council 9

Jessica Lee- Choir (class) 9-10, Soccer 9-10, Swimming 9-12

Seann Lee

Alexander Leighty- Football 9-12
Elizabeth Lennou- Choir (class) 9-12, Japanese Club 9-12
Kelsey Lennou- Academic Decathlon 11, Best Buddies 10-11,
 CASS Cadets 10-11, CURE 10, Excalibur 12, Inklings 10-11,
 Marine Biology Club 9, P.A.C.E. 11, Quill & Scroll 10-12,
 Tennis 9-10
Kostantinos Leontaras- National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E.
 11, Spanish Club 10-11, Gurd Society 12, Prom Court 12

Payton Lewis

Alayna Lilovich- Dance Team 9-12, GVC 9-12, Peer Tutor 11
Sasha Lilovich
Samantha Lopez- Band (class) 9-11
Kyle Lowry- Managers 9-11, Splat 12

Aaron Lugo- Band (class) 9-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep
 Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Japanese Club 9-12, Orchestra
 (class) 9-12, Pit Orchestra 10-12, Spell Bowl 11

Kendall Luketic

John Lynk Jr.- Baseball 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, National
 Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Rotarians 12, Swimming
 9-12

Josalynn Lytle- Art Club 10, Cross Country 9, Hoosier
 Barbell 10, Peer Tutor 10, Track 10

Jacob MacDonald- Film Society 10-12, X-Box Club 10-12
Miranda MacFarlane- Basketball 9, Cross Country 9-12,
 GVC 9-12, Key Club 11-12, Latin Club 12, National Honors
 Society 12, Rotarians 12, Spanish Club 9, Swimming 10-12,
 Track 9-11

John MacNeil- Academic Superbowl 11-12, Band (class)
 10-12, Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band
 9-12, Jazz Band 9-12, French Club 10 National Honors Society
 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 9-11, P.A.C.E.
 11-12, Recording Club 11-12, Curling 10-12

Ashley Majors- Art Club 9-10, Best Buddies 10-11, CASS
 Cadets 10, Choir (class) 9-10, CURE 9-10, ICF 12, Recording
 Club 11, CPTV 11-12, Splat 9

Mikayla Marcinkowski- Art Club 9, 12, National Honors
 Society 12, Spanish Club 9, Track 9-12
Rachel Marczewski-Basketball 9, GVC 9-12, National Honors
 Society 12, Soccer 9-12, Track 9

Kristin Martin- BPA 10, CASS Cadets 10-12, GVC 10-12,
 Managers 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Soccer 9, Track
 9-12
Ashley Matthews- GVC 10-12, Latin Club 9-12, Soccer
 9-12

Zoie Matthews- Athletic Council 11-12, BPA 12, CASS
 Cadets 11-12, Film Society 12, Golf 10-12, GVC 10-12,
 Key Club 12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Philosophy Club 12, Spanish
 Club 9

Jacob Mauer

Justin Maupin- Football 9-10, Latin Club 11

Robert Mazzaro-BPA 11, Hockey 9-12, Marine Biology Club
 9, Track 9

Bridgette McCormick- Academic Superbowl 11-12, Choir
 (class) 9-10, German Club 9, Key Club 9, LEAD 12,
 National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 11, Rotarians 12,
 Soccer 10, Student Council 9

Karlle McCullough- Basketball 9-10, National Honors
 Society 12, Softball 9-12

Patrick McLaren

Steven Medina- BPA 12, Football 9, Wrestling 9-10

Evan Merkel- Band (class) 9, CASS Cadets 11-12, Basketball
 Manager 9-12, Football 9, German Club 10

Natalie Metlov- Dance Team 9-12, GVC 9-12
Danielle Metzcus- Art Club 9-10, 12, Fall Play 11-12,
 National Honors Society 12, Spring Musical 11-12

Elizabeth Meyers

Kristina Mihajlovic-Art Club 12, Best Buddies 12, Choir
 (class) 9-10, 12, Eastern European 12, Japanese Club 11-12,
 Key Club 12, Latin Club 9-12, LEAD 10-12, Rotarians 12,
 Spanish Club 12



Fire Fighter Flynn



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For most students, senior year is a critical time for decisions involving college and career path. Yet senior *Anthony Flynn* does not worry about these choices, and hasn't since he was 5 years-old.

"I've always know I wanted to be a fireman, there's never been a question about it," Flynn said.

A trip to the local firehouse when he was younger began sparked his interest in the fire service.

"I loved it. Every time I went to the firehouse when I younger was an exciting experience. I loved the fire truck," he said.

Flynn can not become a full-time fireman until he is 21 years-old, but is currently enrolled in fire school. There are two certifications "Fire 1" and "Fire 2" which takes six to eight months to complete.

"In fire school, you learn how to save yourself, and how to save your partner," Flynn said.

Currently, Flynn is a certified EMT and has been since September 2012. He completed the six month course and now has an internship with the Crown Point Fire and Rescue team where he works approximately 20-40 hours a week. He describes the internship as a very hands-on learning experience.

"(After my first call) wrapped up and we all went back to the firehouse I remember then knowing for sure this is what I wanted to do," Flynn said.

Flynn said his parents are proud of what he does and his future plans.

"My parents have always supported me. They know this is my passion and they have my backs," he said.

Flynn says his internship has been a hands-on experience and is committed to fire service.

"A man I know at the firehouse just retired after 34 years. That really made me sure I want to be a firefighter and how I want to go out. He has been a big inspiration to me," Flynn said.



Alyssa Miller-Basketball 9-10, CASS Cadets 11-12, Charity Finders 9-12, DARE Role Models 11, Marine Biology Club 10, Powder Puff 9-12, Track 9-10

Andie Miller- Academic Decathlon 11, Best Buddies 10-12, Charity Finders 9-10, FCCLA 9, GVC 10-12, Homecoming Court 12, Latin Club 9-12, LEAD 9-12, National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 11-12, Peer Tutor 9-12, Rotarians 12, Swimming 9-12

Stephanie Miller- German Club 9-10, Soccer 9-11, Track 9-12

Taylor Miller- CASS Cadets 11-12, Eastern European Club 11-12, Powder Puff 11-12, Softball 9-10, Volleyball 9

Karissa Mills- Band (class) 9-12, Pep Band 11-12, Color Guard 10-12, Winter Guard 10-12, Orchestra (class) 11-12, Pit. Orchestra 11-12

Samuel Mindas- Band (class) 9-12, Winter Drumline 11-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10, 12, Pit Orchestra 12, Curling 11-12

Kaylee Miotti

Julia Mohamed- Basketball 9, Peer Tutor 12, Spanish Club 9
Enma Mohammed- Latin Club 9-10, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Pit Orchestra 10-11

Hannah Montemayor- Dance Team 9-12, GVC 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9, Powder Puff 10-12

Kendall Mores- Athletic Council 11-12, CASS Cadets 10-12, GVC 10-12, Key Club 11, National Honors Society 12, Softball 9-12, Spanish Club 11, Volleyball 9

RaeAnna Morgan- CASS Cadets 10, Inklings 10-12, Key Club 12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Student Council 9-10

Kyle Muha- Charity Finders 10-11, Football 9, Homecoming Court 9, P.A.C.E. 10-11, Ultimate Frisbee 11

Lauren Murphy- BPA 11-12, CASS Cadets 10-12, Charity Finders 11, CPHS Showtime 11, Cross Country 10-12, Homecoming Court 12, LEAD 12, Spanish Club 9-10, Student Council 10-12, Class Officers 12, Track 9-10

Lauren Nagy

Full Ride to FAME

STORY BY SOPHIE REINERS & JULIA ABBOTT



For senior *Zach Plesac*, the crack of the bat turned into a full ride to his dream college.

"I was born into baseball," Plesac said. "My dad used to coach me and my uncle, Dan Plesac, pitched for the Chicago Cubs."

While growing up being surrounded by the game, Plesac began his own career by beginning to play at 4 years old.

"We won state when I was 12. There was a ground ball to me and I made the winning play at first base," Plesac said.

From then on, the sport remained his main focus as he continued to excel.

"I pitch at 94 miles an hour now," Plesac said.

By senior year his dream of being captain was finally fulfilled as college scouts from Tennessee, Michigan, and other various universities began to notice his hard work and talents on the field.

"The scouts came to my summer games and saw me do well, so they followed me," Plesac said.

Later that summer, a college visit to Ball State University

turned into a commitment to play and his efforts off of the field turned into a full academic ride.

"I want to study communications and minor in business so that I can broadcast later on after playing professionally for the San Francisco Giants or the L.A. Dodgers," Plesac said.

Big dreams follow after evidence of hard work and an intense passion for the game. "I put so much effort into baseball but it all

became worth it," said Plesac. "I now have a way to get where I've always wanted to be."

In addition to an unstoppable need for success and the feel of the pitcher's mound, Plesac also put his heart and time into his family.

"The first person I told about my full ride to Ball State was my twin brother Ronnie," Plesac said. "I didn't think twice."

With support from his family and hometown, Plesac planned on continuing the legacy of playing professional baseball, starting with a full ride to Ball State and ending with his family name on ESPN once again.

"I found a way to get where I've always wanted to be."

Alexander Nickla- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Homecoming Court 9-11, Letterman's Club 10-11, Prom Court 12

Sarina Niewiadomski- Choir (class) 9-10, Bella Voce 10, Talent Show

Ericka Nolan

Alexandria Nordin- Best Buddies 11-12, Choir (class) 9-12, Excalibur 10-12, Fall Play 9, Peer Tutor 12, Student Council 9-10

Brett Novelli- German Club 9, Swimming 11, Tennis 9-10

Ben Nova

Erica Nowak- Best Buddies 12, German Club 9-10, Homecoming Court 10, Managers 9, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-10, Peer Tutor 10-12, Soccer 9-10

Angelica Ochoa- ICE 12

Emma Ogden

Morgan Olson

Samantha Orndorff- FCCLA 12

Dustin Ostaszewski- Lathe Dogs 9-12

Jesse Otano- Film Society 11, Vex Robotics 9-10

Joshua Pagan- Dodgeball 12, Football 9-12, Lathe Dogs 9-10, Track 10

Heather Palfi





Emily Papamihalakis-Choir (class) 9-12, Bella Voce 10-12, DARE Role Models 12, Fall Play 10-12, French Club 9, Inter Act 9, Marine Biology Club 11-12, MSA 11, Spring Musical 9-12, Swimming 9, Thespians 9-12
Kimberly Parkinson- Book Club 9, Choir (class) 9-12, Fall Play 10-12, Spanish Club 9-10, SPLAT 12, Spring Musical 9-12
Laura Parks- Latin Club 9-10, Orchestra (class) 9
Tyler Pater
Paulina Bakalina
Amanda Pavot- Royal Regiment 10-12, Color Guard 10-11, Japanese Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra (class) 9-12, Pit Orchestra 10-12

Angelina Pendleton
Alicia Perez- BPA 10,12
Margaret Perkins- Cheerleading 9-12, GVC 10-12, Homecoming Court 12
Alyssa Pfingston- German Club 9-10, ICE 12, Powder Puff 9-10
Dakota Phillips- Peer Tutor 9-12, Track 10

Hailey Pinkowski-
Ronald Plesac Jr.- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-10, CASS Cadets 9, Chess Club 9, Eastern European Club 11-12, Homecoming Court 9, Lady Steppaz 10
Zachary Plesac- Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Football 9-12, German Club 9-12
Taylor Prodoehl- Best Buddies 12, Choir (class) 9, GVC 10-11, Homecoming Court 11, Powder Puff 9-10, Student Council 9-10, Volleyball 9-11
Kyle Przyborski- Football 9, 11, Hoosier Barbell 10, Track 10

Rachel Pudlo- Best Buddies 12, CASS Cadets 10-12, Choir 9-12, Bella Voce 9-12, Extreme Sports 12, GVC 10-12, Key Club 9-10, LEAD 10-12, P.A.C.E. 12, Student Council 11-12, Class Officers 12, Student Council Officers 12, Swimming 10-12, Prom Court 12
Jacob Purvis
Austin Qualizza- Best Buddies 12, German Club 9-11, Golf 9-12, Latin Club 9, Letterman's Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 12
Rachel Qualizza- Choir (class) 9-12, Bella Voce 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, Peer Tutor 12, Volleyball 9
Justin Rangel- Hoosier Barbell 10-12, Rotarians 12

Joseph Ravesloot- Extreme Sports 9-12
Alexander Ray- Cross Country 9-12, Letterman's Club 9-12, National Honors Society 12, Track 12
Chad Read- Lathe Dogs 9-11
Courtney Recker
Richard Redding
Sarah Reed- Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 10-12, Jazz Band 10, BPA 12, CPHS Showtime 10-11, Fall Play 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 10-11, Showtime 10-11, CPTV 11-12, Spell Bowl 10-12, Spring Musical 9-12, Student Council 10
Samuel Reimer
Nina Rettig- Book Club 9-12, Fall Play 9-12, German Club 9-11, National Honors Society 12, Philosophy Club 10-11, Rotarians 12, Spring Musical 9-12, Thespians 11-12, Ballroom Dance Club 11-12
Braxton Rice- Athletic Council 10-12, Basketball 9-12, CASS Cadets 12, Football 9-12, Track 11
Samantha Richey- Cheerleading 9-12, Peer Tutor 9-12

Brian Rick- BPA 10-12
Amanda Rider- CASS Cadets 10-11, Japanese Club 12
Matteo Rini- Robodogs 9-12
Elizabeth Risteski- Eastern European 12
Amanda Ristovski

Sarah Rivich- Basketball 9-12, CASS Cadets 11, DARE Role Models 12, GVC 9-12, Homecoming Court 9, LEAD 11, Rotarians 12, Soccer 9-12, Track 9
Breanna Roberts- Choir 9, 11, DARE Role Models 9-10
Jamie Roche- CASS Cadets 10-12, Choir 9, Powder Puff 11-12, Track 9-10, Volleyball 9-10
Brittany Ronning- Best Buddies 12, Dance Team 9-11, Peer Tutor 10-12, Powder Puff 9-12, Special Needs Cheer 11-12
Andrea Roszkowski

Kayla Rutherford- CASS Cadets 10-11, Color Guard 10, GVC 10-11, Key Club 9-10, Wrestling Manager 9-11, Orchestra 9-11, Chamber Orchestra 10-11, Powder Puff 9
Savannah Saddler- Cross Country 9-12, Orchestra 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10
Matthew Sapita- CASS Cadets 12, Philosophy Club 12, Windfall 12
Nicoletta Savell- Basketball 9, CASS Cadets 10-12, Charity Finders 10-12, Orchestra 9-11, Powder Puff 9-12, Softball 10
Melissa Sawa

Scot Sawa- Band 9-12, Windfall 12
Alicia Scheidt
Denise Schliemann
Joshua Schuljak- Band 9-12, Royal Regiment 10-12, Pep Band 9-12, CASS Cadets 10, Film Society 12, German Club 9-12, Green Machine 11-12, InterAct 11-12, Key Club 9-11, Letterman's Club 12, Orchestra 11, P.A.C.E. 12, Rotarians 12, Student Council 9-10
Dustin Schurg-Letterman's Club 9-12, Wrestling 9-12

Claire Scibbe
Matthew Seberger
Rabia Sefer- German Club 9-11, Marine Biology Club 9
Alyssa Seils- Basketball 9, Green Machine 12, GVC 10-12, Soccer 10-12, Spanish Club 9
Tianna Sergent

Ahmed Shaaban- Debate 9, Latin Club 9-12, MSA 9-12, National Honors Society 12, P.A.C.E. 12, Philosophy Club 10, Quiz Bowl 9-12, Robodogs 9-12, Rotarians 12
Christopher Sheetz
Mandey Shrader- CASS Cadets 11-12, GVC 10-12, Peer Tutor 10-12, Softball 9-12, Volleyball 9-10
Jordan Silhavy-Kenning
Meg Simko

William Skarwecki
Kaylie Smith- ICE 12, Lathe Dogs 11, Orchestra 9
Rachel Smith- GVC 10-12, Track 9-12
Tyler Smith- CASS Cadets 12, Football 9-12, Letterman's Club 10-12, Track 10
Hannah Smoot

Zachary Sneiderwine- Football 9-12, Letterman's Club 10-12, Soccer 9-12, Track 9-10, 12
Kelly Snyder- Charity Finders 12, Choir 9-10, German Club 11, Peer Tutor 11, SPLAT 1
Dylan Soy
Lindsey Spangenberg- Cheerleading 11, Choir 9, Peer Tutor 10, Powder Puff 10, 12
Hunter Spies- Basketball Manager 9-12, Extreme Sports 12





Garrett Stanley- Baseball 9-12
Rachel Steiger- Cheerleading 9-12, GVC 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 9-12
Meagan Stinnett- Art Club 9, Cheerleading 9-12, GVC 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Powder Puff 10
Kylie Strange- Choir 9-12, Bella Voce 10-12, Managers 11
Liberty Stratton- Academic Decathlon 11, Art Club 10-12, Book Club 9, National Honors Society 12, Spanish Club 9-11, Spell Bowl 11-12

Salini Suleiman- Football 9-12, Ultimate Frisbee 12
Meghan Sulka- FCA 11-12, Green Machine 11-12, GVC 10-12, Marine Biology Club 11, National Honors Society 12, Soccer 9-12, Student Council 9, 11-12, Class Officer 9, Track 9
Michael Sullivan- Film Society 11, Vex Robotics 12
Megan Supan- Athletic Council 12, Golf 9, GVC 9-12, Gymnastics 9-12, Powder puff 9-12, Spanish Club 9, Track 9-11
Alexandra Swanson- Softball 9

Lisa Symmes- Choir 10
Alexander Szafarczyk- Film Society 11, Football 9, Vex Robotics 10
Kathryn Symanski- Band 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Drum Major 11-12, Pep Band 9-12, Boys' and Girls' State 12, InterAct 10-12, Latin Club 9-12, LEAD 10-12, National Honors Society 12, Rotarians 10-12
Courtney Tenezera- Art Club 9, Japanese Club 12
Amanda Terek- Academic Decathlon 11, Latin Club 9-10, Orchestra 9-12, Chamber Orchestra 11-12, Pit Orchestra 10-12

Collin Teske- Wrestling 9
Margaret Teske- Choir 9-11, Powder Puff 12, Swimming 9-10
Steven Thill
Erika Thompson- Choir (class) 9, FCCLA 10-12, French Club 10, ProStart 11
Graeme Thompson- Choir 11-12, Fall Play 11-12, Key Club 11-12, Robodogs 9, Spring Musical 10-12, Stray Dogs 12, Thespians 10-12

John Thompson III- Track 9-12
Elizabeth Thornberry- Cross Country 10, Key Club 12, Latin Club 9, Showtime 12, Track 9-12
Andrea Tillery- Band (class) 9-12, Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band 9-12, French Club 9-12, Pit Orchestra 11-12, Spring Musical 11-12
Jose Tinoco- Ultimate Frisbee 12
Anna Torres- Best Buddies 12, Peer Tutors 10-12

Mariah Torres- Best Buddies 10, 12, Excalibur 11, GVC 12, Softball 9-11
Monica Torres- Choir 9-12, Peer Tutors 10, Spring Musical 12
Christina Tran- Best Buddies 12, BPA 12, Japanese Club 10-12, Key Club 12, Quiz Bowl 11, SPLAT 11, Student Council 12, Windfall 11, Prom Court 12
Blagojce Trimoski- Film Society 12, National Honors Society 12, Spanish Club 11-12
Milan Trisic- CASS Cadets 12, National Honors Society 12, Orchestra 9-12, Spanish Club 9, Student Council 9, Vex Robotics 9-11, Ballroom Dance Club 12

Jordan Tromp- Band 9-12, Winter Drumline 11, Royal Regiment 11-12, Pep Band 10-12, Jazz Band 11-12, Choir 12, QYP 12, InterAct 12, SPLAT 12, Spring Musical 12, Curling 11-12
Tyler Trueblood- German Club 11-12, Swimming 9-10
Joshua Tucker- German Club 9-10
Lindsey Unger- Extreme Sports 12, FCCLA 12, SPLAT 12
Sara Utterback

Nicholas Valentino- Eastern European 11-12, Basketball 9,
Football 9, Lacrosse 11-12, Powder Puff 9-12
Michael Valerio
Katie VanCuren
Jonathan Vargas
Danielle Velasquez- Choir 9-12

Asa Villasenor- Football 9-12
Kelli Wagner- CASS Cadets 10, Peer Tutors 9, 11-12, Powder
Puff 10-12
Daniel Walters- Cross Country 9-12, Green Machine 12,
Letterman's Club 9-12, Track 9-12
Kaitlin Watts- Best Buddies 10-12, CASS Cadets 12, Choir
(class) 11, CURE 9-10, Fall Play 10-12, Peer Tutor 9-12,
Spring Musical 10-12, Thespians 10-12, Volleyball 9
Carleen Wayne- Band 9-12, Royal Regiment 9-12, Pep Band
9-10, 12, GVC 9-12, InterAct 12, Pit Orchestra 9-12, Spring
Musical 9-12, Swimming 9-12

Tyler Welker- Football 9-12, Lacrosse 10-12, Letterman's
Club 11-12, Wrestling 9
Elizabeth Weller- CASS Cadets 9, Choir 9-12, Fall Play
10-12, Key Club 9, Peer Tutor 9-10, SPLAT 10, 12, Spring
Musical 10-12, Thespians 10-12
Mackenzie Westgate- Homecoming Court 12, ICE 12,
Powder Puff 12, Volleyball 9-10, Prom Court 12
Maxwell Westgate
Kacie Wilcox- Bowling 9-11, FCCLA 11-12, LEAD 11-12,
Student Council 9

Jacob Wiltjer
Alexandria Winters- Best Buddies 12, Bowling 10-12,
German Club 9-12
Kayla Wirtz- Choir 9, 12
Morgan Wise- CASS Cadets 10-12, Fall Play 10-12, LEAD
12, Spanish Club 9-12, Speech 11, Spring Musical 10-12
Mitchell Witham- Hockey 9-12, Soccer 9-11
Daniel Witlock- CASS Cadets 11, German Club 10-11, Lathe
Dogs 9, Philosophy Club 10-11, Windfall 10-11, X- Box
10-11
Lauren Wolff
Allison Wortel
Julietta Wright- Academic Decathlon 11-12, Academic
Superbowl 11-12, Best Buddies 10-12, CASS Cadets 10,
Class Officer 10, 12, CURE 10-11, Fall Play 10-12, LEAD
10, National Honors Society 12, Peer Tutor 9, 11, Quiz Bowl
9-12, Rotarians 12, Speech 9, Spring Musical 10-12, Student
Council 9-12, Thespians 10-12
Brenton Yeager- Dodgeball 12, Key Club 9, Letterman's Club
10-12, Swimming 10-12

Andrew Yokas- German Club 9-10, Orchestra 9-12
Timothy Yokovich- Hockey 9-12
Michael Young- Football 9-12, ICE 12, Letterman's Club
10-12, Wrestling 9-11
Nicholas Zaberdac- BPA 12, CASS Cadets 12, Golf 11, Key
Club 9, Letterman's Club 12, FYI 10, Spanish Club 11
Skevo Zembillas- Football 9-12, Letterman's Club 12,
National Honors Society 12

Anthony Zervos- Athletic Council 12, Homecoming Court 9,
Letterman's Club 9-12, Soccer 9-12
Courtney Ziga- Cheerleading 9, 11, CPHS Showtime 11,
Japanese Club 10, Key Club 12, CPTV 11
Alora Zobel- Choir 10-12, Peer Tutor 11-12



1. Gina Brzezinski
2. Taylor Miller, Lauren Murphy, Courtney Ziga, Lindsey Spangenberg



The End and New Beginnings

People always said high school flies, we never believed them but now here we are at the finish line, crossing over and standing here victorious

The long wait was finally over. Class of 2013, it was finally our time. It was time to leave the past behind us and keep looking forward. The long days from 7:25 to 2:27 had come to an end.

There were times when it felt like high school would never end and there were times when we thought high school was all we would ever see.

Sometimes it was hard to keep pushing. We could remember many late nights cramming for tests, being nervous to take the dreaded SAT or ACT or when there just was not enough time at night to get a sufficient amount of sleep. It was all worth it though when a letter from your university of choice said "YES!" or when you landed that great job offer. Our lives were truly just

beginning.

Now that graduation has come and gone, an overpowering feeling of victory was in the air. We could reflect on all of the good things that high school brought us. We made so many good friends and there were people you met who you would remember forever. Those memories that would forever be with you too.

Those times shaped us. When you reflect upon high school remember the cold nights at the football games, the Harlem shake at half-time, the teachers you adored and the times we all shared. We made it. People could then stand back and watch us fly.

We would forever be the class of 2013.

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3. Isabel Durton
4. Hope Hobgood, Abby Elton

Faculty

Pictured
Vince Banters



Nicole Shelpman



Chris Mikrut & Chris Gloff



Joann Haley-Borodine



Linda Atwood



Jacob Adams- AP English Language, American Literature, DC Speech, PACE, Jazz Band, Film Society
Frank Armstrong- Custodian
Michelle Atherton- Greeter
Linda Atwood- Spanish, French, French Club
Mary Bachnak- DC Speech, BPA, ICE
Kris Banser- ISS

Paula Barancyk- AP US History, AP Geography
Brent Barber- Photo Journalism, CPTV, Showtime, AV Director
Vince Bauters- English 10H, English 10T, Quiz Bowl, Philosophy Club, Windfall, Extreme Sports Club
Michael Bazin- AP Government, Government, Sociology, Soccer
Melissa Beach- Honors Biology, Biology, Marine Biology Club
Amy Berchem- French, AP French

Don Bernacky- World History, Xbox Club, Stray Dogs
Jennifer Bianchi- English 12B, World Literature, Top Dogs, CASS Mentor
Kelly Bonich- English 9
Leslie Bonner- Advanced Foods, Housing, Careers
Janet Bordui- Librarian
Diane Bowman- Guidance Secretary

Tonella Branoska- Cafeteria Staff
Riley Brewer- English 9, English 10, Speech Club
Michelle Bruss- Counselor
Carol Burkholder- Attendance Secretary
Amanda Campos- Algebra 2, NHS
Gina Carija- Custodian

Amanda Carlson- Honors Geometry, Pre-Calculus
Nick Ciochina- World History
Ryan Collier- Math Department Chair, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Algebra, RPG Club
Joseph Correa- Biology 9T, Biology, Paintball Club, Science Olympiad
Karen Cox- Art Department Chair, 2D Art, Painting, AP Studio Art
Deb Cuffia- Assistant Principal

Milan Damjanovic- Head of Security, Eastern European Club
Michael David- Honors Algebra 2, MSA
Connie Davis- Special Needs
Kit Degenhart- Fine Arts Department Chair Theatre Arts, Technical Theatre, Advanced Theatre Arts
Jessica Dingman- Custodian
Bill Dorulla- Athletic Director

Dorothy Duffala- 2D Art, Visual Communications 2, Drawing 2
Jennifer Easton- English 9T, Read 180
Brian Elston- AP Biology, Chemistry, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Tennis
Julie Elston- English 10H, Journalism, Advanced Journalism, Inklings
Bonnie Emole- Testing

Kevin Enright- Dean of Students,
Football Coach
Rose Erwin
Jen Fieleke- Special Needs
Laura Fortney- Advanced
Foods, Advanced Child
Development
Danielle Frankovich-
American Literature, English
12B
Chris Gloff- English 11,
Technical Communications,
Crown City Records &
Management, CPTV

V. Gonzalez
Michael Gonzalez- Spanish,
Spanish Club
Josh Graegin- World History,
Psychology, Educational
Psychology, Wrestling Coach
Rick Guinn- Special Needs
Daniel Hadary- English 10R,
English 10H, American
Literature
Karen Harmicar-Custodian

Catherine Hayes- Custodian
Debra Houser- Custodian
Tina Howarth- Rtl
Kathryn Huls- Psychologist,
Young Life
Steve Hyatte- Custodian
Keith Iddings- Geometry,
Boys' Cross Country Coach,
Boys' Track & Field

Jim Ingelhart- Social Studies
Department Chair, AP US
History, Economics
Beth Jacobs- Algebra 2,
Geometry 2
Dotty Johnson- Science
Department Chair,
Environmental Science, AP
Environmental Science,
Classic Game Club, Green
Machine
Maria Johnson- Special Needs
Sheri Johnson- Cafeteria
Leann Jones- Special Needs

Daniel Kacmar- Custodian
Rochelle Karczewski- Cafeteria
Lisa Keene- English 9, Photo
Journalism, Advanced
Journalism, Excalibur
Minnie Kristina- Custodian
Elizabeth Laba- Chemistry,
AP Chemistry
John Lambersie- English
Department Chair, AP
Literature, English 10,
Academic Decathlon

Carol Lambersie- Algebra 2T,
Algebra
Lisa Landgrebe- World
Literature, Showtime, Class
of 2013
Nancy Langbehn- Rtl
Vince Lewis- Economics, US
History
Christine Lippy- Biology,
Environmental Science
Branden Lorek- Special Needs,
Special Needs Basketball

Craig Lorek- Special Needs
Anne Lorek- English 9H,
English 9T
Nancy Ludwig- Cafeteria
Kathy Maday- Cafeteria
Pat Maggi- Technology
Mike Malaski- Assistant
Athletic Director, Girls'
Varsity Club, Letterman's
Club



Johann Sletto

Born in the Motherland

Many people have memories of a childhood pet, but few can say they have had an actual wildcat and lamb. Band instructor *Johann Sletto* can.

"My parents got me a pet lamb for my birthday when I was a child," Sletto said. "Many people would probably think that's crazy, but for me it was pretty awesome until he started bucking everyone and everything, I guess Africa got the best of him,"

Sletto was born and almost entirely raised in Central Africa. "My dad was a pastor so he and my mom went over there (to Africa) and his job was to help the Africans who wanted to be pastors," Sletto said. "They would get out and set up their own churches,"

Even though Sletto grew up in a completely different environment, he still attended school. "When my sister and I started middle school, it was a big shift for us," Sletto said. "We had to attend a boarding school which was a day's drive, so we ended up not being able to see our parents for a whole week,"

Housing standards for the Slettos in

Africa may surprise some students. "We lived in houses that were made up of cement floors, cinder block walls and a toll roof which was basically made of wavy metal," Sletto said.

"Running water wasn't an option and by the time I was born, we had a diesel generator that we had to share with four or five other families that lived in the area,"

"The way society depends on their technology, I couldn't see how you teenagers would be able to make it through and the best way to think about it is like the pioneer days here in America,"

Sletto's last visit to his homeland was during his sophomore year of college (1998) for a social visit and would like to return again sometime in the future for his family to experience.

"I think I take things for granted less because I've seen how the rest of the world has to live," Sletto said.



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STORY BY AALYHA SENEVONGSA



Russ Marcinek- Dean of Students
Ami Marcinek- Counselor, Tops Dogs, CASS Mentor
Michele McDonough- Pre-Calculus, Algebra
Derek McKee- Technology
Carol McMichael- Spanish
Kim McRae- Computer Applications, Advanced Computer Applications, Web Design



Susan Mender-Algebra, Geometry
Renee Miller- Special Needs
Danielle Neill- Special Needs
Mary Beth Nelson- Library
Debbie Peach- Cafeteria
Nicki Perrin- RtI



Chip Pettit- Principal
Adam Piskowsky- Algebra, Algebra 2, Girls' Cross Country Coach
Heidi Polizotto- Pre-Calculus, Algebra, German Club
Mark Querry- A+ Computer, Robotics, Architectural Drafting, VEX
Kristi Quigley- Special Needs
Pat Radanovich- Custodian

Rachele Raloff- AP Literature, American Literature
Sabrina Ramirez- Foreign Language Department Chair, Spanish
Jan Rattazzi- FACS Department Chair, Fashion Tech, Pro Start, Advanced Foods, FCCLA
Carrie Ready- Nurse
Scott Rettig- Industrial Technology Department Chair, Tech Drawing
Sara Robertson- Latin, AP Vergil



Kalleen Robertson- Cafeteria
Karen Rodd- Principal's Secretary
Jacob Rodriguez- Personal Fitness, Health
David Rosenbaum- German, AP German
Mary Roth- Athletic Secretary
Lori Ryser- Spanish

Lyndsey Sadler- 2D Art, Print making, Student Council
Jill Sanborn- Guidance
Amy Sansone- Special Needs, Student Union
Michelle Schaak- English 10, Senior Literature, Creative Writing
Gwen Schroeder- Custodian
Quiana Scott- RtI

A Sweet Passion

Oven set, cake pans ready, ingredients equipped, kitchen utensils out and ready to start. Science teacher *Kelly Loving* had known procedure since he was a kid.

"I've been baking for years," Loving said. "I have been doing wedding cakes. I wanted to sell out of the European markets in Chesterton and one of the options they had was cupcakes."

Loving explained that the options held at the market couldn't overlap goods such as cookies and candies had already been taken up.

"I sell about 200 to 300 on a Saturday at the market," Loving said.

Loving had made all kinds of cupcakes, including some that were common and some of different flavors.

"I've made an avocado one, that's pretty weird," Loving said. Along with the avocado flavor, he had also made a vegetarian breakfast cupcake and a corn bread cupcake. Another one of his obscure

cupcakes that he had made was a breakfast cupcake. It tasted like French toast, had maple syrup-flavored frosting, and was topped with a piece of bacon.

"My most popular is chocolate with sea salt caramel inside and caramel frosting," Loving said.

Mr. Loving made wedding cakes and also had orders for cupcakes.

"When I make an order, the batch size is normally about 24 to 30," Loving said. He not only sold cupcakes for his orders, he also sold them to his students.

"I usually bring them whenever I have an order and I have leftovers," Loving said. "It's usually the same series of people; the ones who buy them like them a lot."

Though many pastry chefs have their own shop to sell their desserts, Mr. Loving made them in his own home.

"I make them in my own kitchen," Loving said. "I enjoy it."

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS





Peg Schaffer- Counselor
Bruce Sharp- Algebra,
 Geometry
Nicole Shelpman- Senior
 Composition, Senior
 Literature, English 10, Book
 Club
Andrew Shih- Chemistry,
 Key Club
Ann Sinal- Aide
Gail Smith- Financial Adviser

Linda Smith
Julie Sparks-American
 Literature, English 12A
Cathy Spencer- Cafeteria
Clint Swan- Alternative
 School, English 11, Basketball
 Coach
Kim Swan- Counselor
Ray Tarnow- US History,

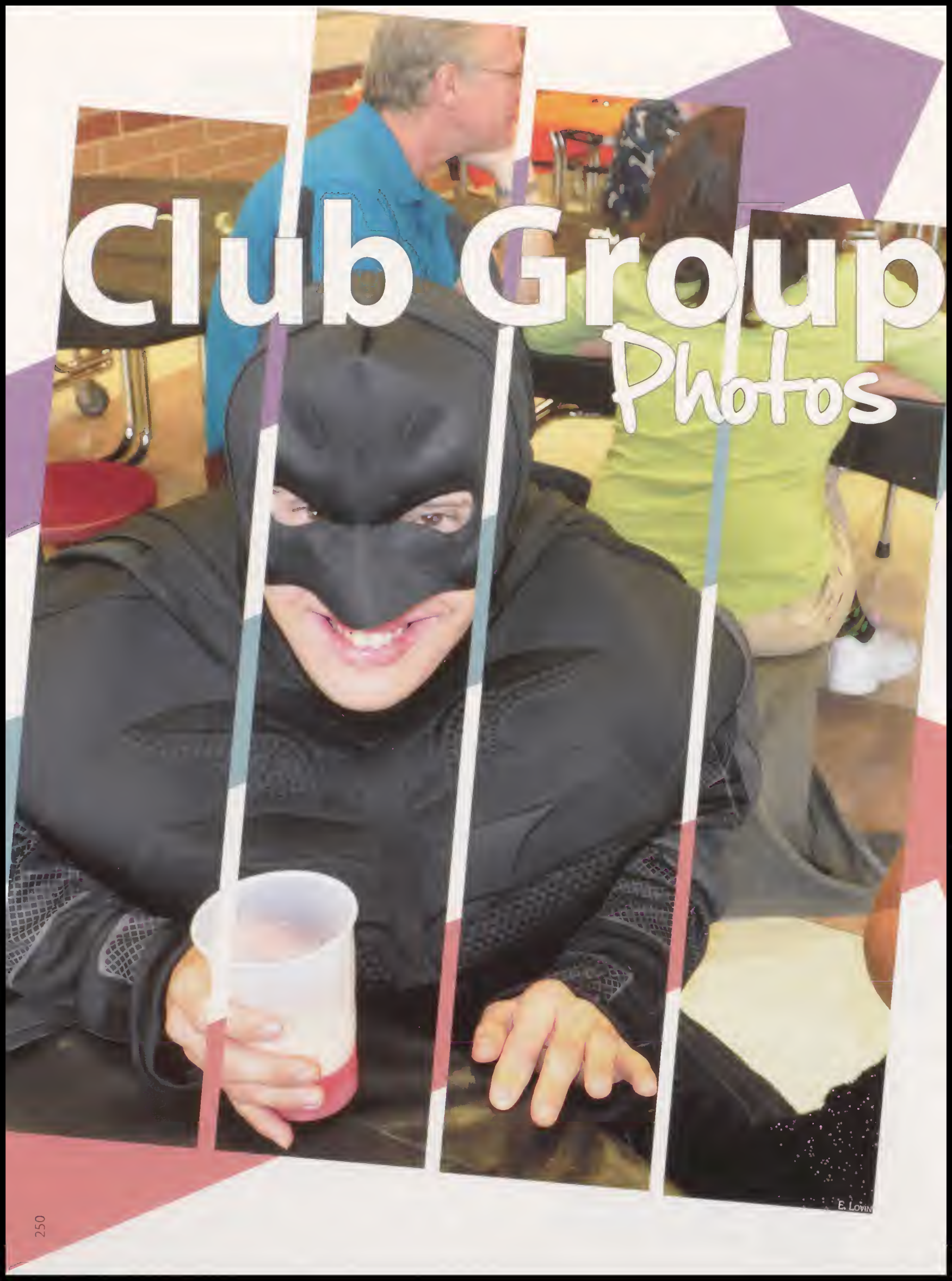
Alternative School
Ed Topp-Cabinet/Furniture
Karen Topp- Graphic Imaging,
 SPLAT
Diane Tourins- Special Needs
 Department Chair, Charity
 Finders
Brian Trippeer- Honors
 Chemistry, Honors Biology
James Twardy- Special Needs

Pat Ventura- Special Needs
Noriko Wachowski-Japanese,
 AP Japanese, Japanese Club
Debra Wacnik- Cafeteria
Mary Waisnora- Cafeteria
Jeremy Walker- Online and
 Blended Learning Specialist,
 Latin Club
Sue Ward- Front Office

Melissa Wermers- Assistant
 Principal's Secretary
Daniel White-Auto Mechanics
Julie Whitney- Special Needs
Brenda Wolski- Counselor
T. Wright
Brooke Yeager- Government,
 US History, INTERACT

Ginny Zega- Child
 Development, Beginning
 Foods, Early Childhood,
 Class of 2014
Deb Zellers- Guidance
 Secretary
Dana Zurbriggen- Spanish,
 AP Spanish

Club Group Photos



E. LOVIN



First Row: Caleb Kreis, Kevin Marco, Michael Niemi, Mike Gall, Brandon Hill, Megan Hatch, Jacob Chiwata, Anthony Casillas. Second Row: Brent Bizown, Jeremy White, Matthew Lynch, Rob McGurk, Slayton James, David Dillman, Scott Block, Ben Cassin, Mr. Trapp. Third Row: Ben Sparks, Tim Foster, Chris Edwards, Darian Iler, John Verdegan, Kyle Garin, Michael Hatch, Ben DeGoey.



First Row: Chloe Sannito, Jon Dietrich, Zole Matthews, Olivia Graham, Mr. Adams. Second Row: John MacNeil, Johnny Lynk, Matt Mudd, Austin Cundiff, Paul Barenie.



First Row: Jackson Roush, Dylan Taylor, Mr. Bauters, Austin Cundiff, Ashley Trent. Second Row: Olivia Graham, Simone Siew, Josh Mazur.

Sam Barber on being "Unplugged"

"(Playing classic games) allows us to detach from video games. We play mostly classic card games with a standard 52 card deck like Hearts or Euchre, but we also do trading card games like Magic: The Gathering or Yu-Gi-Oh!"

The Games

Hearts a standard 52 card game where the object of the game is to score as few points as possible.

Euchre was a trick-taking card game played with a 24 card deck. (Barber's favorite)

Yu-Gi-Oh! was a trading card game based off of a Japanese Manga series.

Magic: The Gathering was the first trading card game. Magic can be played by two or more players each using a deck of printed cards.

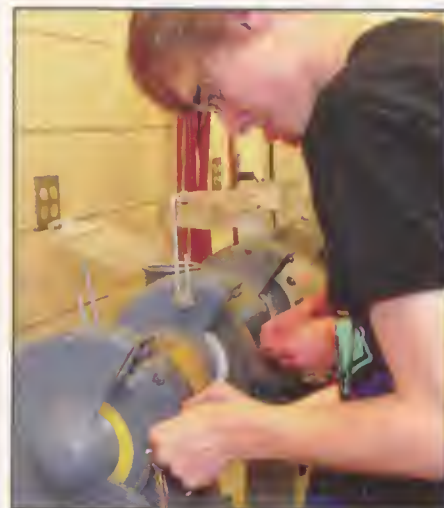
Lathe Dogs Provides Real World Benefits

Pictured right:

Kyle Gavin (10) said,
"I want to be a project manager at a machine shop one day. It is such a great job because you are doing something new every day and it isn't monotonous."

Ben Sparks (11) said,

"For those who want to move on in the field after high school, Lathe Dogs provides a lot of real world benefits. It is a lot of hands on work and that is a good benefit."



First Row: Maggie Krawczyk, Joseph Martinez, Meghan Billek, Selfina Andrade. Second Row: Caitlin Binder, Jason Duda, Rachel Reitan, Caleb Kreis, Nathan McNully, Danielle Pace. Third Row: Ben Sparks, David Eltzroth, Jacob Jaworsky, Stephen Jeffies, Matt Billek, Mihailo Bradash, Adam Binder.



First Row: Victoria Clark-Conrad. Second Row: Sam Barber, Caleb Kreis. Third Row: Corey Kuhlman, Dakota Haniford, Ben Sparks.



First Row: Alison Mendez, Alex Kadah, Saym Imtiaz, Nathan McNolly, Justin Hayden, Greg Caldwell. Second Row: Chris Greinke, Aaron John, Nolan Gold, Kevin Sullivan, James Herron Jr., Jared Seitzinger, Mr. Querry. Third Row: Andrew Miloschoff, Michael Sullivan, Eugene Brzezinski, Ben Haczynski, Joshua David, Adam Binder, Joey Lynch.



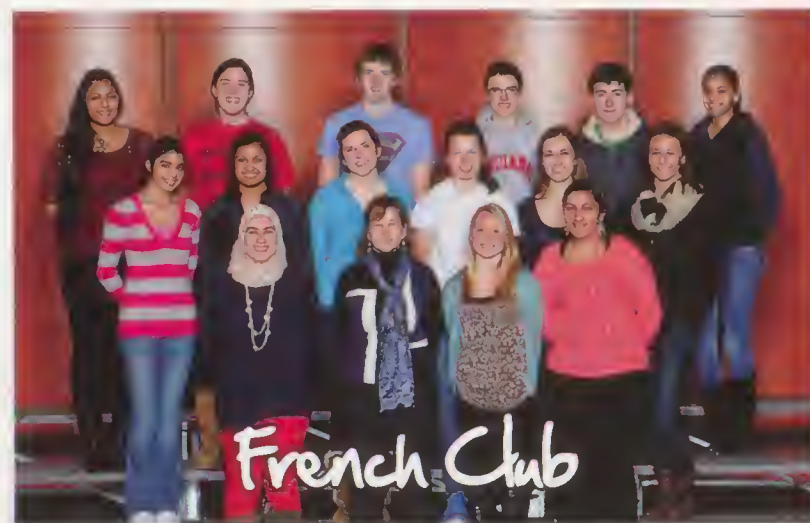
German Club

First Row: Marissa Schoedel, Sarah Holland, Nick Palmer, Chris Evans, Ashley Holland, Rozi Karamacski, Juliette Horn, Hannah Franchimont, Mrs. Polizatto. Second Row: Rhythm Dhillon, Patty Wolfingbarger, Brandon Edwards, Jorie Horn, Maggie Krawczyk, Hannah Williams, Taylor Beckman, Abigail Padilla, Sophie Nonos. Third Row: Savannah Schuljak, Karissa Pudio, Jake Jenicek, Jen Clarke, Alex Rafermacker, Josh Jakubielski, Elizabeth Wilck, Jordan Smith, Chloe Anderson, Emily Duncan, Haywood Jablowni, Dori Sotiroska. Fourth Row: Andrea Kutemeier, George Mirabella, Cydney Brannon, Cvete Karamacski, Trevor Gray, Tommy Sanborn, Zach Bisel, Alex Kutemeier, Nate Hanlon, LaKoda Kleffman, Justin Woran, Tyler Fuller, Andre Harami.



Eastern European Club

First Row: Martin Mitreski, Austin Qualizza, Nick Valentino, Kyle Muha, Kris Naumoski, Sandra Laboski. Second Row: Ivana Mileusnic, Tyler Smith, Alex Nickla, Kramer Keilman, Blaize Borovich, Aleksandar Trifanovic, Elizabeth Rosteski, Milan Damianovic.



French Club

First Row: Lynn Kholoki, Mrs. Atwood, Sophie Reiners, Simone Kalis. Second Row: Akashdeep Kar, Kamaljeet Singh, Hannah Maxwell, Angela Zieba, Rachael Bokota, Erica McDermott. Third Row: Jessica Singh, Caity Rogers, Griffin Rushton, Ben Jasek, Caleb Kreis, Inderpreet Singh.



French Club Officers

First Row: Hannah Maxwell, Ben Jasek, Caity Rogers, Lynn Kholoki.



Japanese Clubs

First Row: Alyssa Desatnick, Anna Gaoat, Amber Howorth, Jeremy Mesa, NAMEI?, Amanda Pavot, Maggie Krawczyk, Sasha Lilovich, Evelynne Rogers. Second Row: Bailey Glamille, Patty Wolfingbarger, Athena Tran, Sarah DeMars, Andie Wahlberg, Bonnie Lin, Victoria Clark-Conrad, Amanda Rider, Jacob Deleo. Third Row: Manaette Al-Nimri, Miranda Kelleher, Kaylee Guritz, Emily Ferres, Kathy Burrell, Alice Ashbrooks, Elizabeth Lennon, Kayla Ellis, Kristina Mihajlovic, Mrs. Wachowski. Fourth Row: NAMEI?, Ellie Burrell, Ethan Beemsterroer, Behany Kearns, Justin Comer, Justin Vandergliff, Barbata Basbarason, Tracis Fisher, Morgan Stofko.



MSA

First Row: Yazan Musleh, Maisa nouri, Muhammad Mirza, Ahmed Shaaban, Eman Elshity, Alaa Abdeldaiem. Second Row: Muhammad Malik, Khuram Shahzad, Mahmoud Ahmed, Ayman Tebry.



First Row: Susie Szymanski, Anna Werkowski, Emily Fender, Kristina Mihajlovic, Susan Reed, Tyler Jeremiah, Ms. Robertson. Second Row: Alex Baloski, Natalie Brigham, Sarah DeMars, Griffin Berwick, Josh Mazur, Andie Wahlberg, Mr. Walker. Third Row: Nathan Hovanec, Kelly Merrill, Thomas Cooper, John Verdegan, Morgan Stafko, Michael Keller, Renee Brigham.



First Row: Serena Otano, Faith Wells, Kristen Cunanan, Becky Correa, Daisy Casique. Second Row: Carlye Colby, Alexandra Fleming, Megan Cantu, Samatha Thornberry, Angie Wells, Morgan Wise, Kristina Mihajlovic, Mr. Gonzalez. Third Row: Caroline Niepok, Kyle Lecea, Goran Trimoski, Nathan Wos, Evan Markowitz, Mallorie Krucina, Danielle Klawitter.



RoboDogs

Participated in two regionals this year:
The Boilermaker Regional
The Crossroads Regional

Received funding from the Crown Point Community Foundation and The Burrell Family Foundation

Participated in the National Robotics Week at the Museum of Science and Industry

17 boys and 5 girls on the team



First Row: Sarah Scasny, Brandon Dill, Tyler Jeremiah, Holly Michaels, Susie Szymanski, Casey Bieszczak. Second Row: Alex Baloski, Ryan Ayers, Kevin Beatty, Kaitlin Rich, Lily Sharp, Sam Fargo, Donnai Casillas, Luke Perrin, Ms. Robertson. Third Row: Callista Christ, Emily Fender, Lexi Linback, Griffin Berwick, Natalie Brigham, Jordan Fraser, Annekin Pilarski, Becka Burke. Fourth Row: Amber Moon, Josh Kelly, Afraz Mehmood, Andrew Viater, Scotty Foster, Nabeel Ashrof, Kelly Merrill, Blaze Watt, Daniel Duncan.



First Row: Tanin Towannasut, Miranda Lyons, Maddie McConnell, Simone Siew, Josh Mazur, Julie Stuckert, Anna Werkowski. Second Row: Julia Brown, Zachary Herbert, Pano Kostouws, Hannah Reutter, Jacob Langbehn, Nathan Hovanec, Maria Shelley, Ms. Robertson. Third Row: Jeremy Charles, Eric Kim, Jordan Andras, John Verdegan, Grant Rachford, Oliver Jones, Morgan Stofko.



First Row: Trinity Klein, Nathan McNally, Melanie Wood, Dionna Casillas, Susan Reed, Athena Tran, Taylor Rusak. Second Row: Andie Wahlberg, April Przyborski, Sarah DeMars, Savannah Langbartels, Kim Kovacic, Amber Nowakowski, Ms. Robertson. Third Row: Kyle Kirk, Aleks Kajmakoski, Joshua David, Thomas Cooper, Nick Hanlon, Michael Keller, Renee Brigham.



First Row: Brandi Collins, Ahmed Shaaban, Kristina Mihajlovic, Andie Miller, Alex McLean, Kathryn Szymanski, Ms. Robertson. Second Row: Megan Henry, Matt Lippy, Sam Beishuizen, Cole Cartwright, Hope Hobgood, Paul Barenie, Alli Jostes. Not Pictured: Sam Konicki.



First Row: Nick Sansone, Zoie Matthews, Olivia Graham. Second Row: Jackson Roach, Kyle Heilman. Third Row: Paul Barenie, Austin Cundiff, Matt Mudd, Jacob MacDonald, Mr. Adams.



First Row: Abigail Padilla, Taylor Cassidy, Alyssa DeLaurentis, Harley Hall, Sam Ruder, Patty Wolfingbarger. Second Row: Kristina Mihajlovic, Kelsie Dees, Kristen Cunanan, Julia Sansone, Anna Hopkins, Megan Cantu, Dorothy Duffala. Third Row: Andie Wahlberg, Caroline Niepokoj, Liberty Stratton, Athanasios Liodos, Melissa Davis, Elizabeth Dutton, Sarah DeMars.



Film Society

"Movies are the most powerful form of storytelling," president of Film Society, Nick Sansone (10), said to encourage students to join the club. Sansone has been a part of Film Society since his freshman year.

Film Society is a club where they show movies that most people would overlook, like independent films and then discuss the deeper meaning.



First Row: Kathryn Szymanski, Leah Marlowe, Carleen Wayne, Talia Green, Lexi Kennon, Taylor Cassidy. Second Row: Karissa Mills, Marissa Schoedel, Aaron Lugo, Katherine Kennedy, Megan Cantu, Ben Jasek, Sarah Mitrovich, Katie Dillon, Sam Mindas, Emily Dawley, Andrea Tillery, Kelsie Dees. Third Row: Nathan Way, Adam Mihal, Tyler Kraws, Megan Henry, Steven Moeller, Eric Burrell, Amber Willette, Jacob Gulka, Megan Thornberry, Pano Kostouros, Melissa Davis, Chelsea Sredren, Michael Keller, Piley Pohlmann, Mr. Sletto. Fourth Row: Paul Barenie, Casey Melcher, Joshua David, Eugene Brzezinski, Tyler Kwiatkowski, Matt Mudd, Nick Huls, AJ Huls, Josh Schuljak, Nathan Way, Austin Blades, Brad Koartge, John MacNeil, Jordan Tromp, Samuel Barber.



First Row: Cameron Walker, Madison Meyer, Jacob Brzezinski, Bridget DeVries, Lily Sharp, Bri Pohlman, Joshua Brzezinski, Anna Thill, Sarah Lollis, Ashlynn Morin. Second Row: Kaitlyn Witten, David Fisher, Caulin Morgos, Haley Ingram, Allyssa Fuller, Angelica Swanson, Brianna Tuttle, Evan Rizgallah, Riley Artim, Tylor Young, Anna Gaoat. Third Row: Emily Wirick, Adam Mihal, Justin Pavot, Jessica Keppner, Paul Dawley, Dakota Mable, Julian Castillo, Adam Golding, Emily Zemer, Robert Chandler, Amanda Burge. Fourth Row: Shane Cade, Lakoda Kleffman, Josh Kelly, Noah Scibbe, Issac Cutts, Kyle Cook, Paal Hohos, Emily Dykstra, Samantha Nowakowski, Micayla Wotraba, Steve Mueller, Mr. Sletto.



First Row: Kathryn Szymanski, Anna Hopkins, Emily Reed, Amber Nowakowski, Kayleigh Margis, Alyssa Dees, Diamond Russell, Ashley Trent, Emily Fallon, Amy Fotopoulos. Second Row: Collin Reiser, Julia Brow, Alyson Kinzie, Daniel Sanchez, Marissa Brumfield, Adam Mihal, Janelle Brumfield, Skylar Huppenthal Lyle, Amy Kinzie, Miranda Lyons, Kelsie Dees. Third Row: Susan Szymanski, Zach Pierce, Nicholas Cantley, Miranda Kelleher, Scot Sawa, Eva Kirby, Melissa Davis, Megan Henry, Trenton Breitweiser, Ben Kochert, Seth Cook, Mr. Sletto. Fourth Row: Samantha Peach, Alice Ashbrooks, Ashley Trent, David Eltzroth, Andrew Wlater, Matt Mudd, Toby Taylor, Jack Sweddeu, Kevin McBride, Marie O'Malley, Aly Tetzloff, Matt Lippy.



First Row: Nick Sansone, Laurentia Bivol, Abigail Eineman, Kaylee Clark, Lexi Kennon. Second Row: Madi McGuckin, Grace Wylie, Sarah Holland, Michael Keller, Kathy Burrell, Angel Barraza, Nina Rettig. Third Row: Steve Bazin, John MacNeil, Jared Hebda, Corey Kuhlman, Hope Hobgood, Thomas Cooper, Milan Trisic.



Advanced Mixed Choir

First Row: Kylie Strange, Molly Grace, Ashley Curtis, Katie Dillon, Angel Barazza, Emily Papamihalakis, Tatyali Rodriguez, Amanda Ristovski, Sasha Lilovich, Leah Colvin. Second Row: Monica Torres, Alli Jostes, Casey Kitchen, Chris Hoshbook, Jordan Tromp, Ethan Beemsterboer, Taylor Equihua, Ryan Kelleher, Graeme Thompson, Ashley Jones, Rachel Pudlo, Katie Fenn. Third Row: Zack Bucci, Josh Andrews, Nick Langbehn, Luke Lambert, Corey Kuhlman, Nathan Gresham, Frank Hubbell, Keith Birmingham, Mihailo Bradash, River McCollum, Artie Equihua.



Advanced Women's Choir

First Row: Shannon Rostin, Baylee Cliborne, Hannah Williams, Emily Tassi, Andi Bailey, Kaylee Clark, Jasmine Bernard, April Mae Sirbas, Hannah Rademacher, Brooke Perrin. Second Row: Courtney Maluchnik, Abbey Bieker, Samantha Gill, Anna Adams, Casey Kitchen, Sara Kish, Brittany Ash, Laurentia Bivol, Madi McGuckin, Reagan Airey. Third Row: Anna Surufka, Bobbie Sue McDaniel, Kristina Mihajlovic, Andie Wahlberg, Alora Zobel, Alyssa Barancyk, Becca Olesek, Caroline Lodovisi, Valerie Jones, Kim Kovacic. Fourth Row: Carrie Russell, Vanessa Haro, Elizabeth Lennon, Elena Hutchison, Hope Hobgood, Hannah Smoot, Kyleen Likas, Deanna Kostides, Caity Rogers, Alexis Fitzmons.



Beginning Choir

First Row: Casey Bieszczak, Tiffany Curtis, Kayla Giraud, Camille Reed, Mariah Steuer, Kortny Ortell. Second Row: Tailor Willis, Donna Casillas, Sophie Nonos, Jordan Abraham, Julie Wasmund, Ali Bass, Magon Williams, Emily Reed, Sydney Reyes, Samantha Tinsley, Kyrena Rodriguez, Maggie Mae Krawczyk. Third Row: Amanda McCay, Lyndzey himes, Leanne DeBattista, Mackenzie Collins, Emily Duncan, Chloe Mikus, Jenna McCarroll, Devin DeBoth, Elizabeth Martinoska, McKayla Wilkening, Trystyn Braith, Hannah Coles, Risa Villaseñor, Leah Sparks. Fourth Row: Alia Brooks, Josey Andrews, Elizabeth Wilck, Kendall Gailin, Richelle Bellman, Reagan Holderby, Abbey Wellman, Brianna Bickner, Ashley Wolski, Alexandria Young, Victoria Stepanovic, Brianne Akey, Sarah Maxham, Erica Zdanowicz, Karissa Pudlo.



Bella Voce

First Row: Anna Surufka, Hannah Rademacher, Laurentia Bivol, Kylie Strange, Rachel Pudlo. Second Row: Emily Tassi, Molly Grace, Abbey Bieker, Madi McGuckin. Third Row: Caroline Lodovisi, Kim Kovacic, Alli Jostes, City Rogers, Carrie Russell, Becca Olesek, Emily Papamihalakis.



Fall Play Cast

First Row: Kim Kovacic, Angel Barazza, Katie Fenn, Ashley Curtis, Julia Thorn. Second Row: Emily Papamihalakis, Graeme Thompson, Casey Kitchen, Molly Grace, Mr. Degenhart. Third Row: Nick Kujawski, Joshua David, Corey Kuhlman, Brandon Myers, Kyle Thompson.



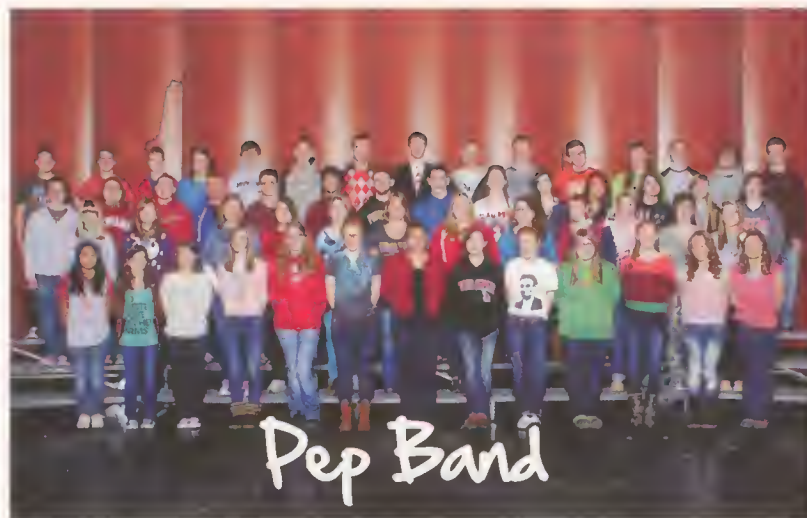
Fall Play Crew

First Row: Sophie Reiners, Madison DeGoey, Emily Zarate, Emily Southworth, Heather Moser, Lexi Linback, Madi McGuckin, Sarah Reed, Anna Hopkins, Alyssa Guritz, Elizabeth Weller. Second Row: Kimberly Parkinson, Nina Rettig, Ashley Curtis, Mollie Bates, Gianna Kujawski, Cassidy Wichowski, Molly Grace, Julia Sansone, Rachel Hollings, Devin DeBoth, Rebecca Kazdcy. Third Row: Rebecca Henry, Anna Adams, Caroline Niepok, Emily Papamihalakis, Julietta Wright, Kaitlin Watts, Angel Barazza, Maria Shelley, Maggie Gelon. Fourth Row: Abby Elston, Christine Fargo, Tracci Fisher, Alex Kutemeier, Hope Hobgood, Caity Rogers, Danielle Metzcsis, Kaylee guritz, Hannah Reutter, Mr. Degenhart.



Jazz Band

First Row: Emily Reed, Emily Dawley, Amber Nowakowski, Abigail Eineman, Lexi Kennon. Second Row: Sam Mindas, Adam Mihal, Pano Kostouros, Steven Moeller, Ashley Downing, Alyssa Dees, Mr. Sletto. Third Row: Jordan Tromp, Paul Barenie, Austin Blades, Matt Mudd, John MacNeil, Samuel Barber, Nathan Way.



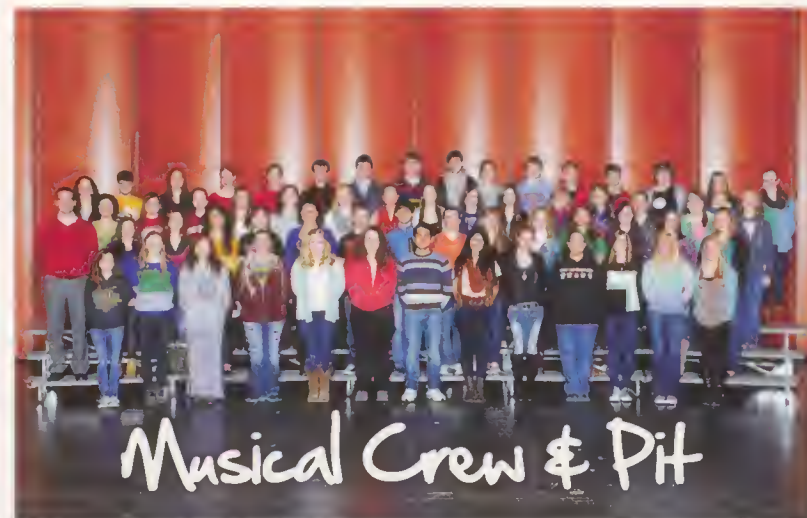
Pep Band

First Row: Anna Gaoat, Taylor Cassady, Kathryn Szymanski, Anna Hopkins, Emily Wirich, Katie Dillon, Emily Reed, Kelsie Dees, Susan Szymanski, Amanda Burge, Emily Dawley, Lexi Kennon, Amy Fotopoulos. Second Row: Haley Ingram, Alyssa Dees, Alyson Kinzie, Miranda Lyons, Marissa Schoedel, Janelle Brumfield, Marissa Kozlowski, Amber Nowakowski, Kayleigh Margis, Amy Kinzie, Julia Brown, Bridget DeVries. Third Row: Adam Mihal, Megan Henry, Katherine Kennedy, Zach Pierce, Steven Moeller, Pano Kostouros, Nathan Way, Ashley Trent, Melissa Davis, Emily Ferrer, Sam Mindas, Andrea Tillery, Megan Cantu. Fourth Row: Josh Kelly, Paul Barenie, Samuel Barber, Megan Thornberry, Andrew Viater, Nathan Wos, Matt Mudd, Nick Huls, Tyler Kwiatkoski, Austin Blades, Jack Snedden, Marie O'Malley, John MacNeil, Jordan Tromp, Kyle Cook.



Musical Cast

First Row: Shannon Rostin, Pavlo Shyrokov, Ashley Curtis, Molly Grace, Madi McGuckin, Julia Thorn, Nina Rettig, Sophie Reiners. Second Row: Kim Kovacic, Emily Papamihalakis, Valentina Cioni, Graeme Thompson, Katie Fenn, Katie Dillon, Angel Barraza, Cassidy Wichowsky, Mr. Degenhart. Third Row: Nicholas Ormes, Hannah Reutter, Ethan beamsterboer, Sam Barber, Corey Kuhlman, Dylan Taylor, Kyle Thompson, Ryan Helleher, Jordan Tromp.



Musical Crew & Pit

First Row: Taylor Cassady, Emily Dawley, Kelsie Dees, Rebecca Henry, Madi McGuckin, Molly Grace, Angel Barraza, Jacquelyn Rettig, Amanda Terek, Amanda Pavot, Anna Hopkins, Carleen Wayne, Sophie Reiners. Second Row: Mr. Degenhart, Shannon Rostin, Rachael Popp, Emily Papamihalakis, Megan Cantu, Hannah Reutter, Sam Mindas, Pano Kostouros, Adam Mihal, Andrea Tillery, Maggie Gelon, Julie Stuckert, Anna Adams, Elizabeth Weller, Sarah Reed. Third Row: Nina Rettig, Abby Eineman, Abby Elston, Caroline Niepokej, Kaitlin Watts, Ashley Holland, Gianna Kujawski, Danielle Metzcus, Kaylee Guritz, Melissa Davis, Morgan Wise, Julietta Wright, Ashley Curtis, Amber Nowakowski, Alyssa Guritz. Fourth Row: Madison DeGoe, Pavlo Shyrokov, Kathy Burrell, Amber Willette, Caity Rogers, Jacob Gulka, Matthew Mudd, Corey Kuhlman, Joe Sampson, Hope Hobgood, Griffin Rushton, Sam Barber, Steven Moeller, Tracci Fisher, Julia Sansone, Katie Dillon.

It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)



E. LOVIN

Though not everyone listens to it, jazz music is instantly recognizable most. The jazz band is mainly composed of brass, saxophones, and a rhythm section. They performed jazz standards or 'pop' songs.

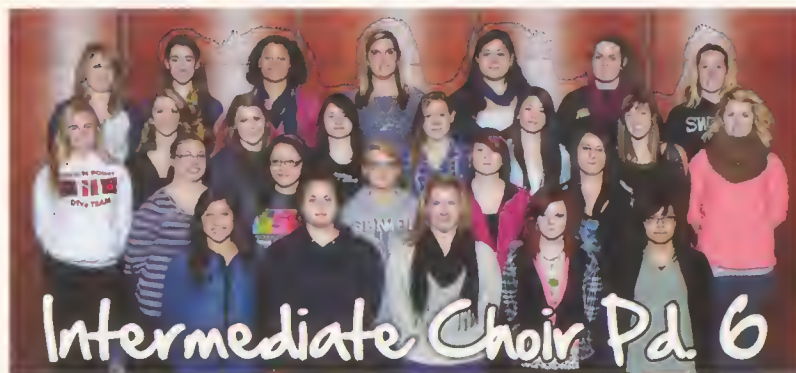
"Jazz is just amazing. It's a beautiful type of music and it's kind of uncommon so it's great to have this big group of kids who all enjoy playing it," senior *John MacNeil* said. The band performs seven times during the season, four performances being competitions.

"Competitions require lots of rehearsal and dedication. Usually we have the same repertoire for the entire season," MacNeil said.

STORY BY JANELLE BRUMFIELD



First Row: Rebecca Correa, Corrine Shell, Elizabeth Snell, Elizabeth Weller, Alyce Kuhn, Shelby Sell, Kimberly Parkinson, Morgan Finnearty, Samantha Taylor, Ashley Sreat, Serena Otano, Dasiy Casique. Second Row: Jasmine Scler, Katie Kelleher, Hailey Schiessle, Karissa Maroules, Dollten Bednarz, Marijiw Worley, Clarissa Szafarczyk, Franchesca Bass, Anjelica Mojica, Stephanie West, Amandees Kaur, Danielle Velasquez. Third Row: Alaina Atherton, Samantha Thornberry, Nicole Kondratenko, Mallorie Krucina, Abby Waples, Macayla Borys, Ashlyn Stiener, Kailyn Snodgrass, Chelsey Stinnett, Tristan Greeley, Brittany Ard, Caroline Kvachkoff, Samantha Miller, Hailey Franklin.



First Row: Marissa Lira, Sarah Smith, Danielle Schalow, Ashley Lyons, Salma Cruz. Second Row: Jaime Knopf, Dionna Casillas, Mallary Claar, Savannah Cox, Cheyenne McCuan. Third Row: Kylie Stevens, Abby Bortoli, Kiersten Hofstra, Ellen Wyand, Marisa Shoemaker, Mandi Hansen, Brianna Walters, Julia Thorn. Fourth Row: Amanda Byk, Maria Shelley, Hannah Reutter, Julieann Jakubowicz, Greme Biamchimi, Lexi Nordin, Rachel Bach.



First Row: Nick Sansone, Evan Frank, Anthony Kendall, Branden Dwyer, Steven Traficanti. Second Row: Justin Vandergriff, Jesse Fawley, Nick Hollis, Samuel Barber, Jacob Langbehn, Zach Pierce, Josh Jakubielski, Kyle Thompson. Third Row: Brian McCants, Noah Schutter, Kyle Govin, Zack Berry, Caleb Smoot, Justin Kisse, Coliin Dorsey.



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Why did you *join* Windfall?

"I decided to join at the beginning of the year. It was an experience that was out of my comfort zone. It really helped me branch out, and it was a scary experience but I am really glad that I did it," senior *Christine Walsh* said.

The students of Windfall work together to compile a literary magazine that includes stories, poetry, lyrics or pictures.



First Row: Liam Reilly, Simone Siew, Ashley Trent, Josh Mazur, Olivia Graham, Nick Sansone. Second Row: Steve Bazin, Hope Hobgood, Mr. Bauters, Austin Cundiff, Scot Sawa.



The Difficulties and Rewards of Being on the

Editorial Board

Most Difficult

Most Rewarding

Nick Cain
Sports Editor
Excalibur

"It is hard taking on the extra work because you have to apply yourself more. You are a role model figure to people and you have to be on your game 100%."

"Leading other people to complete one goal is what is most rewarding. It makes the time you spent worth it all."

Dylan Taylor
Managing Editor
Inklings

"The stress of hoping you didn't miss something. It is really relieving when production is over, but when the paper comes out it's like 'there might be a spelling error.'"

"Seeing another staffer grow from inexperienced and getting better at different things like on the news section. With gentle prodding they grew and you get to see their improvement."

Sam Beishuizen
Co-Editor-in-Chief
Inklings

"The most difficult part is being able to balance the entire staff's different emotions and putting people in the right positions for them to succeed."

"Looking at the finished product and watching other staff members get excited about their work and talk about how their friends and teachers commented on the work they did on the paper."



Left: Sports editor of *Inklings*, Alex McLean (12), and Managing editor of *Inklings*, Dylan Taylor (11), pose behind the bus on their way to the airport.

Top Right: In order to meet their deadline, Sports editor of *Excalibur*, Nick Cain (11), works with members of his yearbook team.

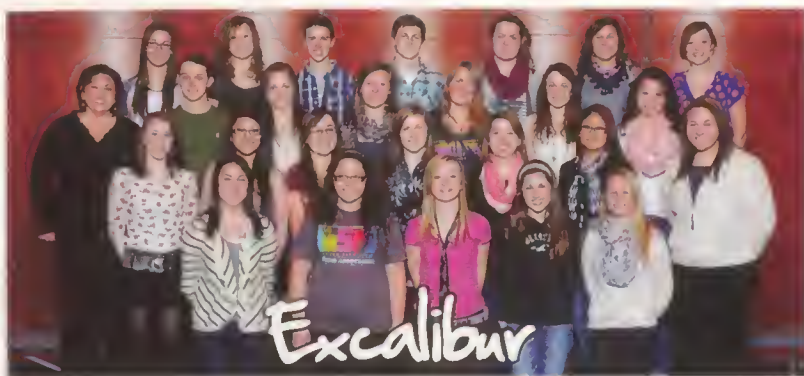
Bottom Right: Co Editor-in-Chief of *Inklings*, Abby Elston (12) accepts a certificate of recognition at a school board meeting for her work on the Pacemaker-winning newspaper.



First Row: Hannah Wallace, Alexis Hesser, Roman Ruiz, Sarah Reed, Savannah Kotul. Second Row: Ashley Downing, Alex Nickla, Sarah Fronek, Becca Olesek, Mr. Gloff. Third Row: Nick Kujawski, Austin Cundiff, Conor Hughes, John MacNeil, Jacob Voss.



First Row: Mr. Barber, Sean Hisel, Ryan Flanery. Second Row: Nick Kujawski, Nick SOMETHING!, Taylor Green, Nick Sansone.



First Row: Samantha Ruder, Dionna Casillas, Shelby McCuan, Jen Tsouklis, Sophie Reiners. Second Row: Trisha Kasak, Cassidy Kim, Kristin Dianni, Kayla Kasak, Alexis Hesser, Angie Senevongsa, Rylee Ballard. Third Row: Lisa Keene, Nick Mahaffey, Morgan Stahley, Rachel Reitan, Janelle Brumfield, Alyssa Mazur, Julia Abbott. Fourth Row: Evi Lovin, Paige Nesemeier, Ben Jasek, Nick Cain, Lexi Nordin, Sarah Tiernan, Ashley Downing.



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First Row: Jesse Fawley, Sarah Debs, Yazzmyne Lopez, Kyle Feller. Second Row: Mrs. Landgrebe, Toby Taylor, Mr. Barber.



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First Row: Lexi Kennon, Becca Chromey, Emily Dawley, Becca Olesek, Laurentia Bivol, Amy Fotopoulos. Second Row: Justin Van Drunen, Hannah Maxwell, Chris Kuiper, Nick Huls, Ben Jasek, Paige Buelow, Mrs. Huls, Mrs. Mender.



Under the Sea



Imagine being able to go to Florida during summer break, able to feel the warm weather against your skin and feel the cool sensation of the water once you jump into the ocean. Ten students were able to experience this opportunity. They also had the chance to snorkel, scuba dive, and attend various classes to learn about the marine life while on the expedition.

"I liked learning about all the

creatures and we were able to be hands on with some of them," junior *Macayla Borys* said.

The club stayed in Key Largo, Florida for five days near the end of June. The trip was a total of over \$2000 and the students who took the trip were only able to attend the trip once. But the students couldn't leave without some sort of understanding of snorkeling and scuba diving.

"We trained in April before we

left," Borys said. "We trained in the school pool with the tanks and we worked on all of the skills that we needed to know and we also practiced open water dives,"

Though Borys was only able to attend the voyage once, she thought it would be great for future students to take the chance.

"I think (the students) should do it," Borys said. "It's a very great experience."

STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS

Students take a trip and learn about the life under the sea

Marine Biology





First Row: Paulina Bakalina, Holly Lytle, Kara Breuckman, Ryan Musgrove, Caitlin Szymborski, Natalie Lesko. Second Row: Gloria DenHartog, Michael Poole, Michael Purvis, Michael Chambers, Kyle Valles. Not Pictured: Nick Cohn, Joey Smith, Russell Hill, Andrew Prohle.



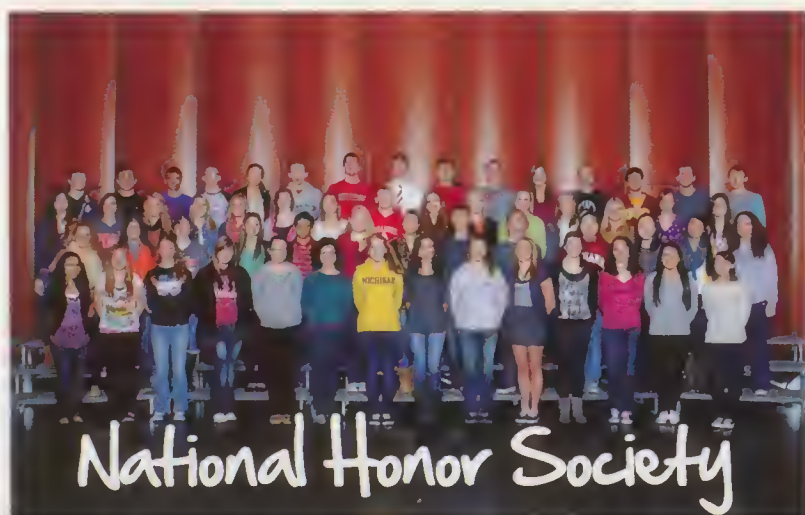
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First Row: Taylor Miller, Alyssa Miller, Taylor Rusak, Samantha Thornberry. Second Row: Trinity Klein, Paige Garcia, Justin Garrison, Nikky Savell, Mrs. R. Miller.

A Helping Hand

Students form a club to reach out to others in need

Almost everywhere, there are families and kids in need of what people generally find essential in everyday life, such as food, clothing, shoes, water and shelter.

"Charity Finders is a club that tries to find charities and raise money for them or for anyone who is in need," junior *Taylor Rusak* said.

The club held various fundraisers to raise money for those who needed help. They held bake sales and fun fairs for younger kids.

"We once held a bake sale for a kid who had cancer," Rusak said. "That was my favorite (fundraiser),"

Charity Finders has also held an Angel Tree Project, a fundraiser that helps families give gifts for young ones around Christmas.

"People will contact us if they need help," junior *Trinity Klein* said. "We will hold a bake sale for them or sell bracelets or we'll do whatever we can to raise money for them,"

Students tended to lean toward the yummy kinds of fundraisers.

"I liked the bake sales because my friends and I got together to bake a bunch of food and bring it in," Klein said.

"I would recommend other people to join," Rusak said, "It's all for a good cause."

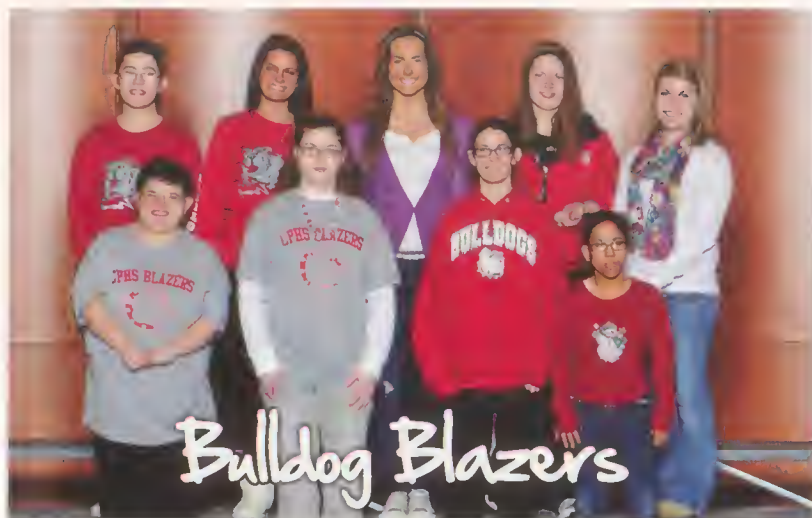
STORY BY DIONNA CASILLAS

"It's not a big club, but we do what we can,"



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Charity Finders



First Row: Katie Chimitris, Bailey Renaud, Natalie Lesko, Sadie Sergent. Second Row: Caitlin Szymborski, Alexa Grady, Kathryn Foulds, Caitlin Fasano, Dayna Justice.



First Row: Natalie Lesko, Johnie Bell, Bailey Renaud, Katie Chimitris. Second Row: Gloria DenHartog, Caitlin Fasano, Caitlyn Szymborski, Daniel Stevens, Ryan Musgrove. Third Row: Alex Stevenson, Michael Baltensberger, Michael Purvis, Joey Smith, Russell Hill, Mr. Richard Guinn.



First Row: Carleen Wayne, Ashley Downing, Sam Mindas, Adam Mihal, Katie Dillon, Kathryn Szymanski. Second Row: Nathan Way, Paul Barenie, Matt Mudd, John MacNeil, Jordan Tromp.

Sweeping for the Title

The curling team went from being the underdogs of their division to winning the state title



The curling team worked throughout the season in order to rebound from their season last year when they came just short of the state title.

"During practice we recreated high pressure situations that we needed to improve on for matches," senior *Matt Mudd* said. "We had to work on being consistent."

The team believed in hard work, but they still wanted to have fun.

"Our practices were laid back and we goofed off and had fun with the sport," junior *Adam Mihal* said, "but we still got a lot of work done."

The managers of the team tagged along to most matches to help strategize with the team,

clean and personalize equipment and arrange rides.

"We went to all of the matches to even help cheer the guys on," senior *Kathryn Szymanski* said of her and the other managers. "We were so proud because no one expected them to win because they were the underdogs last year."

The team ended their season on the top of their division and won the state title.

"The hardest part of curling is getting started. Our sophomore teammate *Nathan Way* had the hardest time learning the right techniques," senior *Sam Mindas* said. "But the difficulty of the sport really paid off when we got to display the huge trophy we earned in the display case."

Left to Right: Sam Mindas, Adam Mihal, John MacNeil posing with the state trophy

Ultimate Frisbee

"We meet at Christian Reform Church every Monday and Wednesday and we scrimmage against each other."

-Sebastian Bocanegra (12)



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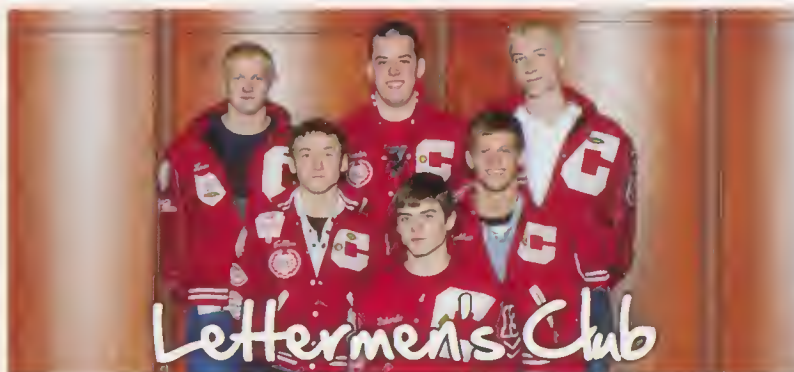
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First Row: John Ellison, Derrick Kula, Timmy Volk. Second Row: Eric Burrell, Evan Markowitz. Third Row: Justin Rangel, Jacob Brown, Abdiel Valerio.



First Row: Brandon Dill, Christian James, Tyler Hansen, Mr. Twardy. Second Row: Paul Dawley, Johnny Supan, Brad Marker, Slayton James.



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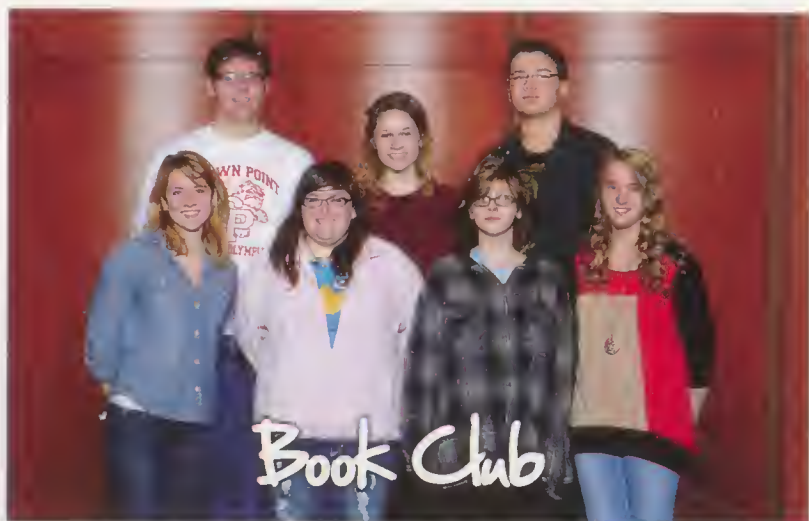
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First Row: Justin Graham, Tyler Fuller, Sebastian Bocanegra, Christian Campos, Brain Harrison, Alex McLean. Second Row: Justin Andras, Evan Ingrass, Andrew Orosz, Freddy Newman, James Gerollimos.



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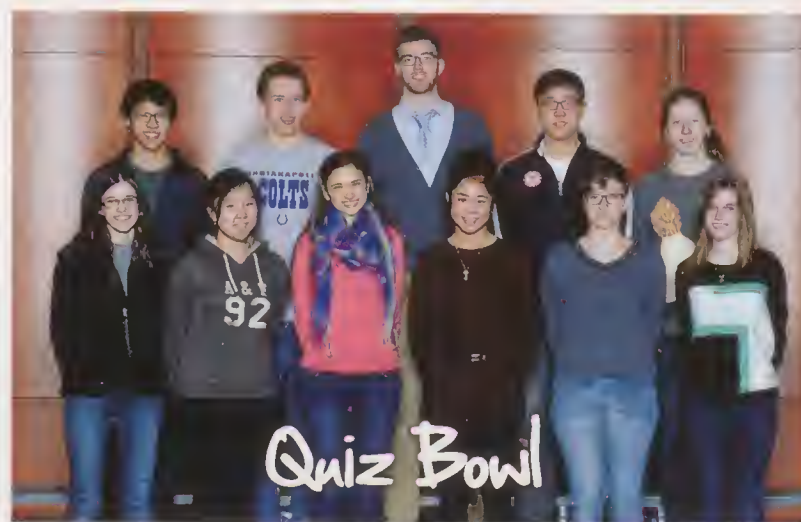
Telling the Story

The members of Book Club put together their love of reading, eating, and philosophizing into a once-a-month meetings.

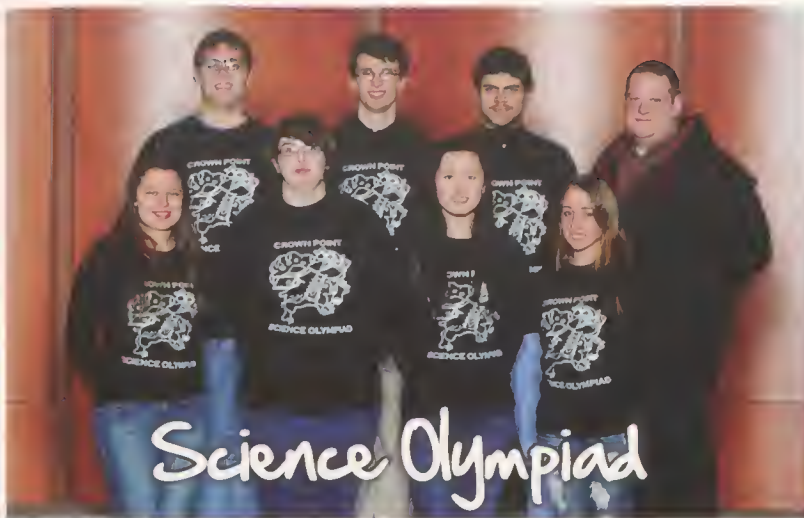
The five-member team discussed books such as October Sky by Homer Hickam and Montana 1948 by Larry Watson. "The best part is the conversations," said club president Maggie Gelon (11). "They're jump-started by the books and grow into talks about our lives."



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First Row: Laurentia Bivol, Tracci Fisher, Bonnie Lin, Lexi Kennon. Second Row: Joshua David, Jacob Gulka, Nick Palmer, Mr. Correa. Not Pictured: Brad Kotarge, Savannah Langbartels, Sam Barber.



First Row: Sarah Reed, Amy Fotopolous, Megan Henry. Second Row: Liberty Stratton, Mr. Flewelling, Paul Barenie, Melissa Davis.



First Row: Caroline Niepokj, Thomas Cooper, Julia Sansone.

Spelling their way to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

Spell Bowl's typical competition day

"On the bus ride to competition, we would all group up and practice spelling different words. Then, once there, we would roam around and meet all of the other teams and observe the school we were at. Then we would determine our order for competition. The speller would get called up and then the wrote the word on a piece of paper in a certain amount of time," senior *Paul Barenie* said.

Speaking to the School

Informing the school of what Speech Club really is

"The best thing and most definitely the best part of being on the speech team is the skill and ability that you are able to develop over the year. I want the school to know that you don't have to be an amazing speaker to join speech team. Also, that it is not just about giving stuffy speeches, but also involves acting, poetry, creative writing, and even radio broadcasting, and there is something for everyone," junior *Thomas Cooper* said.



First Row: Kathryn Szymanski, Kelsey Hopkins, Brandi Collins. Second Row: Rayne Kim, Rachael Bokota, Bridgette McCormick, Lucia Bracco. Third Row: Renee Brigham, Courtney Farrell, Chris Dietrich, Joshua Allen, Julietta Wright.



• • • • Hope Hobgood • • • •

Dearest Hope,
You have been "brilliant" since birth. A perfect delight for all! Congrats on all your accomplishments at CPHS. Strive for greatness at De Paul University.

We love you. XOXO
Granny & Pops & Dad



Kimberly Anne Parkinson "Lil' Rebel"

I can't believe this time has come so quickly. The spirited little girl of yesterday has grown into a beautiful, talented, giving and can't forget still spirited woman that isn't AFRAID to stand up for what she believes in. You have brought us so much joy and laughter in such a short time. Your future is so bright and promising. We offer you our love and prayers that all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kevin



Alexander Jacob Ray



Congratulations Alex!

You have gone from a delightful little boy to an amazing young man. Your strength, determination and courage will make you successful in anything you choose to do. We are so proud of you!

Love you,
Mom & Dad



Kaylah Grzych

My, how you have grown. From our precious little "sweet pea" to our charming, intelligent, lovely young lady. We are so proud of you! Good luck at Valparaiso University!

We love you!!!

Papa and Nana

Alex Leighty



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. And you are the one who'll decide where to go."

All our love,
Mom & Danny



Congratulations Keith Adam Feller;

Go forth and pursue your dreams,

Explore and develop your unique talents,

When life hands you challenges,

Greet them as ways to become stronger and wiser

And remember God is beside you every step of your journey.

May every happiness be yours today and always,

All our love, Dad, Mom, Dan, Amanda, Josh and Leah.

Congratulations Luke!

From your first day of school to your last, we are so proud of who you have "chosen" to become! And can't wait to see "His plans" for you unfold!

Jeremiah 29:11

Pray Always! Work Hard! Be Good! Love Lots! Play Frisbee!

REMEMBER, "YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS..." PHILIPPIANS 4:13

We love you with all our hearts, God bless you always,

Mom, Dad, Nicci, Kati, Danno, Anny
Corey, Justin, Henry & Cole

Brenton, Skevo,
Nick \$uff,

Whatever path life takes you, we wish you the best of luck. Be safe! Be happy!

The Zuberdacs

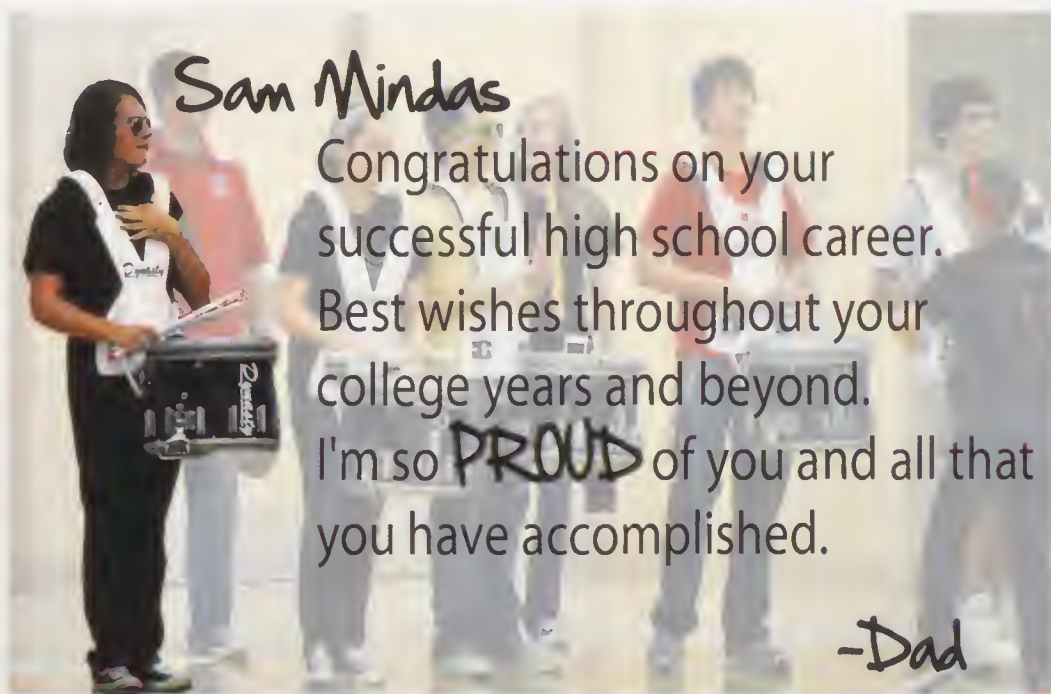


Sam Mindas

Congratulations on your successful high school career. Best wishes throughout your college years and beyond.

I'm so **PROUD** of you and all that you have accomplished.

-Dad



Dear Amy,

We are very proud of you and so is Jesus!

Love you much,
Dad, Mom & Joni



"For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

Congratulations!



Samantha
Margaret
Angel

We blinked... and you went from
"this to this"!!

(And you couldn't make us
any prouder!)

We love you
& pray that
all of your
dreams come
true. You
will ALWAYS
be our
"Princess"



Ashley Majors



Congratulations to our beautiful young daughter.
We are so proud of everything you have
accomplished. As you start the next chapter in your
life, remember we love you more than you can
imagine. We wish you the very best!

Faith, Hope & Love!

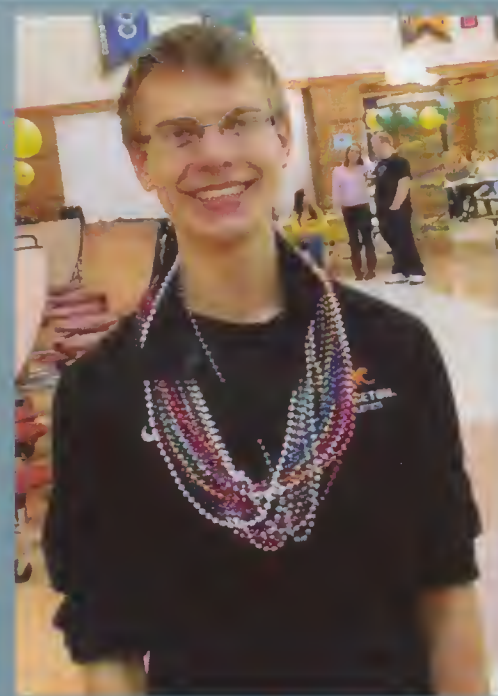
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Josh Allen



From Freshman year at the
apple orchard to Senior year at
the NHS Mardi Gras party, the 4
years have gone by too fast.
You have been the best son
and brother, and an all-around
remarkable person! We are
excited for you to go on to the
next chapter in your life and
wish you the very best.

Much love,
Mom, Jeremy & Sydney
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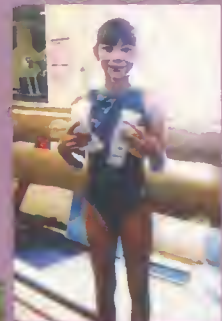
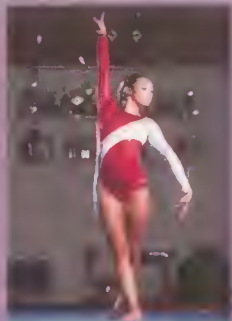


Go confidently in
the direction of your
dreams. Live the life
you have imagined.
-Henry David Thoreau

Emily Langston

We are all so proud of you and all the wonderful things you have accomplished. Keep working toward your goals. Remember life is short and we need to enjoy the journey. Always be yourself. Always do good. Wishing you the most happiness ever!!!

We love you,
Dad, Mom & Liz



Nick Kujawski

The day has come so quickly. In a blink of an eye, you went from a spunky, cute little guy to a fine, handsome young man.

We are so proud of all your accomplishments up to now and all of those still to come. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Kyle & Gianna



Jacob Carey

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We have watched you grow into an amazing young man.

You are smart, confident, and kind with a good set of values. As you begin the next chapter of your life, remember how much we love you. We are very proud of you and know you will be successful at whatever you do.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Nathan



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Kendall,

We are so proud of you!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Taylor



Every great dream
begins with a dreamer.
Always remember, you
have within you the
strength, the patience,
and the passion to reach
for the stars to change
the world. We are so
proud of the man that
you've become! Never
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luck at IU!

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Danielle,

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Nicoletta

Seems like only yesterday! We are so proud of the young woman
you have become although we will always see the little girl in you.

Follow your dreams.

Love you,
Mom & Dad



Tom & Rebecca

Where did the time go?
We are so proud of you
and how each of you
have grown. We wish
success in your lives
ahead.

Loving you both always,

Mom & Dad

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Tyler Welker

We have watched you grow from
Cub Scouts and Little League to
High School and Pick-Up Trucks...

Through it all you have faced some pretty tough challenges and
learned to overcome every one of them. We are so very proud of the
man you have grown into. You completed our family, and as your
next adventure awaits you, we will always be here to support you.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad and Tori



Larry Titak



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Jordan S-K



How fast time flies...
savour every minute!
 It's been quite a *ride*!
 Remember to *shoot for*
the moon. Even if you
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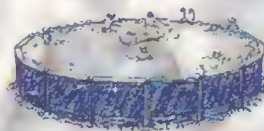
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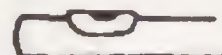



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Casey Jillson
Kiana Kroner
Fernando Zamora



Mallery Claar

Mallery plans to attend Ivy Tech in Valparaiso for an associate's degree in nursing and then attend Valparaiso University for a bachelor's degree in nursing.



Abigail Eineman

Abigail is admitted to the University of Southern California Honors Program as a Dean's Scholarship recipient majoring in International Relations and Philosophy, Politics, and Law.



Samantha Gill



Courtney Govert



Olivia Graham

Olivia plans to attend Indiana University and major in Policy Analysis and Environmental Management before going to law school to practice Water Rights Law.



Evan Ingalls

Evan plans to work in the trades while studying economics in college.



Morgan Johnson

Morgan plans to become an architect and see her name on buildings.



Alexandra Lilovich

Alexandra plans to major in vocal studies and also study chemistry and linguistics.



Josalynn Lytle



Francheska Miller



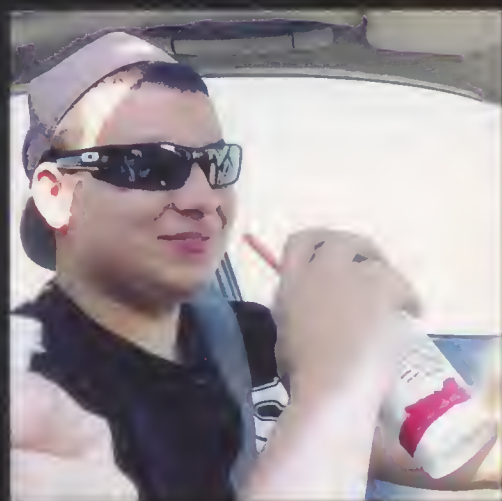
Nicole Uran



Justice VanVossen

Justice plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

In memory of **Matthew Soper**



You will be missed

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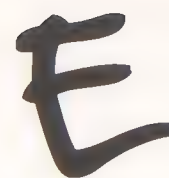
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Coming to a Close

As the weather begins to shift, the homework grows more sparse and the ducks begin to dance around the courtyard; it is apparent that the year has run its course

First toes, then ankles, then knees, then for the daring, shoulders. Hair ties replace headbands as sweat droplets replace the prickles of goosebumps. Light breezes billow through the toasty air as faces tingle from the sizzling sun. This shift in weather and attitudes was a sure sign of an impending shift in seasons.

"You can tell summer is coming because the weather gets warmer and peoples' moods seem to brighten," sophomore *Bailey Glanville* said, "being able to go outside is amazing."

With scents of freshly-cut grass and coconut oil dancing in their heads, students imaginations were running wild. "I'll be happy when it's finally summer. I just want to get a tan," sophomore *Sam Bocanegra* said.

Not all students were smelling the

fresh air, however. "Now I can get a summer job," junior *Ashley Stolte* said.

And some students were stuck in the same cream-colored concrete classroom through the summer. "I'm taking government and econ over the summer, so I'll be there when I'd rather be at the beach," junior *Brittany McGill* said.

These classrooms may seem stagnant for seniors who had the rest of their life on the horizon. "I can't wait to walk across the stage and finally be able to live up to my potential," senior *Kaylee Clark* said.

But for others, Crown Point will always be a place to call home. "It's bittersweet," senior *Ashley Curtis* said. "Sometimes you hate high school but you also love it sometimes, and those are the moments I'm going to miss."

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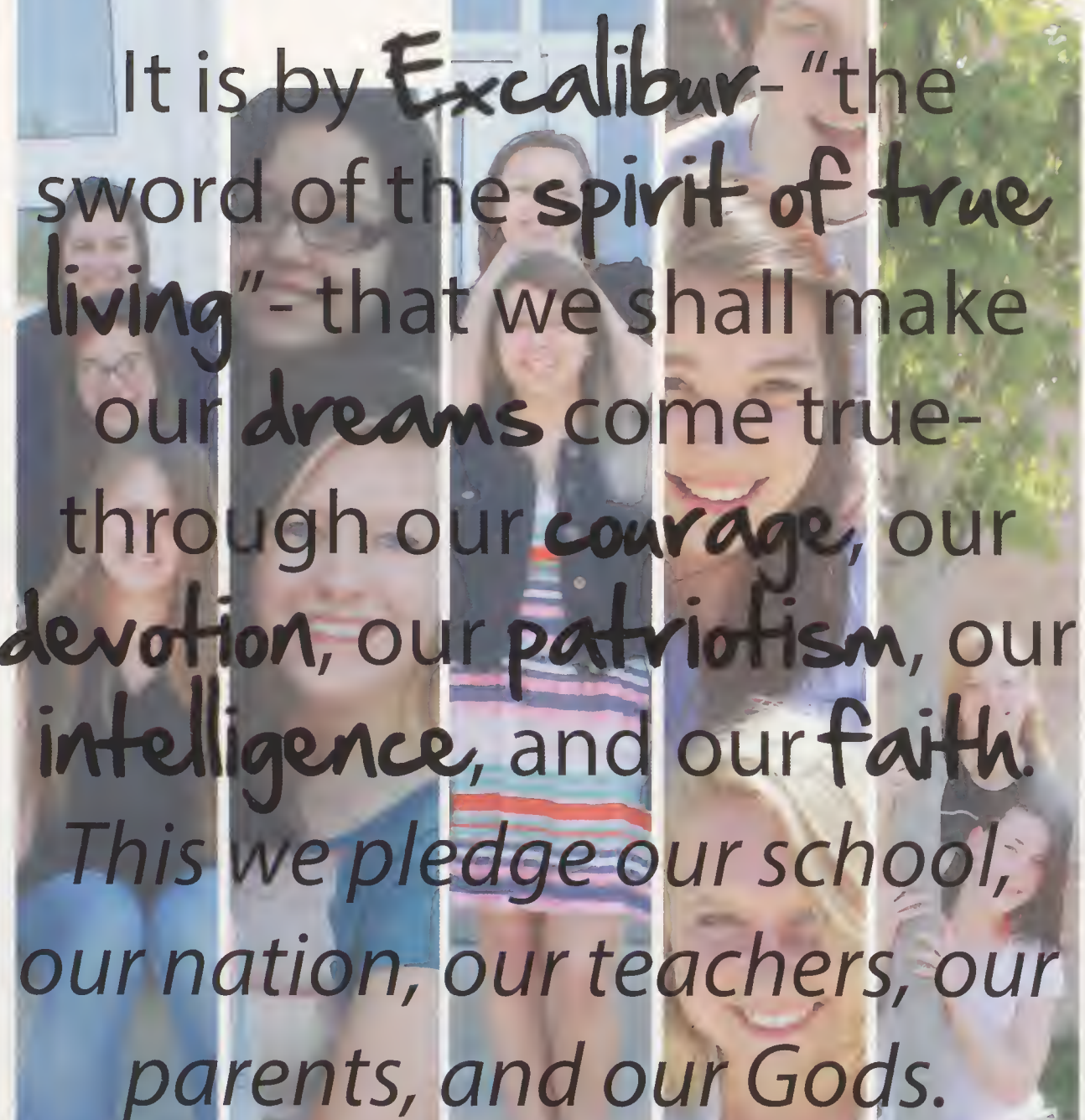
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